BAGHDAD (R) — traq Friday rejected a draft United Nations resolution which would let it sell a limited amount of oil to buy food and medical supplies. "The draft resolution does not provide the financial resources, even at a minimal level, to meet the needs of our people in terms of food, medicine and important humanitarian equipment." the traqi News Agency quoted Prime Minister Saadoun Hammadi as saving. Dr. Hammadi said it would deny Iraq sovereignty over its natural resources and bring them under the control of other countries. The draft would allow the sale of up to \$1.6 billion worth of embargoed Iraqi oil over six months. A Security Council source said over a billion dollars would be available for food. The rest would be used to pay war reparations, cover the cost of destroying trac's mass destruction weapons, pay half the expenses of a U.N. commission demarcating the Iraq-Kuwaii border and reimburse the United Nations for overseeing the return of Kuwaiti property(see page 2). The Baghdad government would not control a penny of the money, which oil purchasers would deposir directly into a U.N. escrow account. Dr. Hammadi said the "colonralist powers" were not concerned with the suffering of the Iraqi people

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Arab states to coordinate positions

TUNIS (R) - Arab states will meet to coordinate their positions before any Middle East peace Secretary-General Esmat Abdul Meguid said Friday. Foreign ministers will discuss the issue at their next regular meeting in Cairo in September, he said on arrival in Tunisia for a three-day visit at the start of a North African tour. Abdul Meguid said a special summit could not be excluded. If member states agreed, he said, Arab League participation in a peace conference would be "very positive." The Arab League chief said he would meet President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali and Palestinian leader Yasser Arnfat in Tunis. He said his North African tour was designed to restore Arab solidarshaken by the Gulf crisis.

tran denies role in Bakhtiar killing

PARIS (R) - Iran Friday denied responsibility for the killing of former Iranian Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar and an aide, and said groups opposed to Tehran's improved ties with the West could be to blame. The. Iranian embassy in Paris... strongly refutes accusations that the Islamic Republic of Iran was implicated in the murder of the former Iranian regime's prime minister," the embassy said in a statement. The two were found knifed to death in Mr. Bakhtiar's closely-guarded home on the outskirts of Paris Thursday (see page M ...

Boy aged two killed in SLA barrage

BEIRUT (AP) - A two-year-old boy was killed when pro-Israeli artillerymen shelled villages in South Lebinon to avenge the killing of a comrade in a guerrilla ambush, police said Friday. The were wounded in the shelling which targeted six villages north pair of Israel's self-designated "security zone". Thursday, afternoon. mt The South Lebanon-Army (SLA) opened up on the Nabatiyeh region after one of its fighters was killed and three were wounded in an ambush-near Marjayoun, headquartered. Hizboliah claimed maintenance in a statement released in Beirur: "Islamic resistance fighters ambushed a joint Israeli-SLA patrol and attacked it with rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns, killing and wounding several enemy elements." There was no independent confirmation that Israeli soldiers were involved.

"Higher friendly fire Gulf casualties'

WASHINGTON (R) - Nearly rwice as many U.S. soldiers were accidentally killed by so-called friendly fire from U.S. forces in

Thornburgh resigns

and WASHINGTON (AP) - Attor-Tobsected senate race for the unexinred term of the late John Heinz Penncylvania, administration nounces said. Mr. Thornburgh, is not be 15 for to President George Bush. hid the source, who spoke on building of anonymity.

New abduction seen to delay hostage deal

non's influencial Shrite Muslim change for hundreds of Shrite decleric and the interior minister rainces held by Israel and an Israelicleric and the interior minister Friday both condemned the kidnapping of a French aid worker. whose abduction could delay the release of other hostages.

Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah used his Friday sermon to call on the kidnappers of Jerome Leyraud to free him "because we want this file closed and we want all those kidnap-

A caller claiming responsibility for the kidmapping Thursday said the 26-year-old would be executed if any more Western hostages were released. The kidnapping came eight hours after British television journalist John McCarthy was freed by Islamic Illiad after more than five years

as a hostage.
At sundown Friday, the Synans set up scores of checkpoints on highway intersections throughout Beirut and its environs. They frisked motorists and checked car trunks apparently to prevent smuggling the kidnapped Frenchman out of the capital. Police urged emzens to report anything

Although the Syrian command in charge of Beirut's security made no official comment on Mr. Leyraud's abduction, the Syrians are bound to feel that their previous pledges to support President Elias Hrawn's quest tor peace in Beirut were hollow.

At the United Nations, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar called the latest abduction "most unhelpful and counterproductive," but said he still hoped another hostage would be set free. He had previously said it could be an American.

"I am still hopeful," he told reporters. "I have been this morning in ters. I have been this morning in contact with my people in Beirut and they are still hopeful."

Mr. Perez de Chellar told reporters he was leaving for London Saturday and would neet with Mr. McCarthy and would neet with Mr. McCarthy and the state.

day later.
Mr. McCarthy arrived home in Britain Thursday night and spent

Friday with family and friends at a British air base. He told reporters in Syria after be was released that be carried a letter for Mr. Perez de

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Leba- Western hostages he freed in ex-

affed militia. The White House said Friday it was lusing optimism about the chances for release of an American hostage in make deals with hostage-takers," White House spokesman Marhin

Fitzwater said President Bush had received to new information from the Middle East overnight about a possi-

Western diplomats in Damiseus said they expected no imminent release of a second Western hostage in Lebanon following Thursday's freeing of Mr McCanhy, There has been no sign here so far

of the arrangements which usually preceded the release of previous hostages," one diplomat told Reuters. Lebanese security sources had onginally said they expected another hostage, possibly American journalist Terry Anderson, to be freed along with, or soon after, Mr. McCarthy. Under an established procedure. followed in the McCarthy case, freed hustages are brought to Damascus to

be turned over to their host govern-ment by the Syrian Foreign Ministry. Arab diplomats said Mr. McCarthy's statements that Islamic Jihad wanted to end the hantage issue were a promising sign but it was important that their offer evoked a response. "The Israelis should release the Lebanese capitves, especially Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid ... to show good-

will," one diplomat said. Israel came under increasing pressure to free some prisoners. The most prominent is Sheikh Obeid, a deric daapped by Israel in July 1989, Israel has said it wants to exchange its prisoners for seven missing Israeli servicemen, or their remains.

The Beirut caller said he was from the Organisation for the Defence of Prisoners Rights, which in a call Wedoesday had said it wanted Shiite Muslims held by Israel to he released before any more Western hostages

The call came after three granades exploded outside a U.N. office, caus-

been heard of before.

Islamic phrases quoted in statements by the tranian-backed religious fac-

huslages - six Americans, three Britom, two Germans and an Italian. Islamic Ishad has repeatedly demanded the release of hundreds of Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners held in Israel in return for its Westerr

Israel said Friday it would free all the Araba seized from Lebanon by brack forces and their South Lebaon milina affice for the remaining Western hostages and seven Israeli servicemen held in Lebanon.

tions believed bolding the 12 other

Mr. Perez de Coellar said he had not been in touch with fixuel hus added, "in due time, centainly, I will be in louch with them."

He had characterized Mr. McCarthy's release as a possible start to a process that would bring freedom to all captives in the Middle East. Asked if he was being realistic in hoping for second hostage release given the death threats against Mr. Leyraud, Mr. Perez de Cuellar replied:

They have their logic and I have mine. My logic is that it would be extremely useful if they released the second hostage because that would help me enormously in my efforts. I am interested in the release of all detainees including those who are in Israel and those who are in Lebanosr. Sheikh Fadlallah, the reputed mentor of Hizboltah, said in his Friday

sermon in south Beirut: "Gone is the era that had produced positive results out of hostage-taking."
"We as Muslims and Lehanese are required in safeguard the security and safety of every person who lives in Lebanon like we want other nations

to safeguard our security abroad," he Mr. Leyraud had been in Beirut since June working for the French agency Medicins du Monde (Ductors of the World) as a project manager supervising repair work at government hospitals damaged in 16 years of

Interiot Minister Sami Khatib announced Friday that Mr. Leyraud was grabbed by two unidentified men in civilian outlits while he was stuck in iog no damage. The group had never a traffic junt in Beirut's Verdun street

Intifada enters 45th month

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - Palestinians in the Israelioccupied territories stayed indoors Friday in a general strike marking 44 months of their revolt

against Israeli occupation. Businesses closed and transport stopped in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in response to calls by nationalist and Muslim fundamentalist leaders to commemorate the start of the revolt on Dec. 9, 1987.

fsraeli Radio saio the army was considering replacing regular and reserve troops in the occupied territories with paramilitary border police umts it believed were better trained and coulpped to fight street projests.

Palestinians say the border police already serving in the occupied territories are notorious for their brutality.

In Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, an Arab suspected of working for the Israeli secret service was found dead hours after being kidnapped by masked men, residents said.

They named him as Hani Jaabar but gave no more details. Military sources said the army destroyed one house and partially demolished a second one in the Gaza Strip town of Rafah to punish their Owners who were arrested in June on charges of possessing weapons and killing Arabs accused of being Israeli

Palestinains said the two men Shaaban Hunaif, 20, and Adel Jaabari, 26, were members of the Black Panther group.

Arab activists hurled a firebomb towards an Israeli bus in the West Bank city of Hebron but missed it, residents said. They said the army clamped a curfey on the area.

Israeli sources said later any replacement of regular and reof money and manpower.

Talabani: Jordan an example for democratisation of Iraq

Kurdish leader to discuss Turkish attacks

Jalal Al Talabam left Amman for Turkey Friday after a brief visit to fordan during which he was received

by His Majesty King Hussein. Mr Talabani, leader of the Patrioric Union of Kurdistan (PUK), said he discussed with Kine Hussein the situation in Iruq in particular and in the region in general as well as the ongoing negotiarions between the fraqi government and a Kardish delegalion representing Kurdish parties in

In an interview with Jordan News Agency, Petra, before his departure, Mr. Talabani said he also discussed with King Hussein the "historic relations between the two brotherly Arab and Kurdish nations and ways of enhancing these relations and sale-

guarding Iraqi nanonal unity, Mr. Talabani's raiks with Turkish officials are expected to centre on military attacks on Kurdish rebels'

hideouts in nonhern Iraq.
"Mr. Talabani is going to Turkey to hold talks with officials there on military incursions into northern Iraq and anacks against Kurdish guerrilla bases there," an officials accompanying Mr. Talabani told the Associated

Press in exchange for anonymity. He said: "We have protested these (military) operations within the territory of Iraq and it is necessary to talk to the Turkish side about it."

Turkish troops and planes attacked Turkish Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq - where Iraoi Kurds plan to set an autonomous region -- allempling to tlush out the guernilas operating from bases there In his remarks to Petra, Mr. Tala-

bani lauded Jordan's democratic experimeet and pointed out that he informed the Iraqi government of his approval to follow the Jordanian experiment in Iraq "and to take it as an example to be followed."

Mr. Talabani said of the main reason that is obstructing the signing of a treaty between the Iraqi government and the Kurdish parties was a thorough and detailed study undertaken by both sides on pressing prob-lems in addition to other issues such

"Without the existence of a demofor implementing agreements that will be reached," he said.

"This makes it inevitable to study

the issue of democracy thoroughly." Mr. Talabani said that the Kurdish problem is a result of foreign interventions since World War I and way of finding a permanent solution to the problem."

"Therefore, the Kurdish side is keen on Leeping away from any foreign intervention," he said. He affirmed that a final solution to

the Kurdish problem should be reached "so rhat trag will nor have a problem called the Kurdish problem and so that it will be able to solve its conomic and political problems."

Mr. Talabam accused most of the

countries in the region of being against any agreement between Iraq and the Kurds and called on the Iraqi and the Kurdish sides to "understand this fact and avoid foreign intervention through bringing about democralic change in Iraq."

He pointed out that democracy in

Iraq "frightens some of its neigh-

He said the Iraqi government and the Kurdish delegation have agreed on the form of Kurdish self-rule, which he described as different from on are related to normalising the situation in "Iraqi Kurdish national unity," the professed on Thurshe said.
"What remains to be discussed is

the issue of democracy and the rela-tionship between the Kurdish movements inside Iraq and other movements outside it and the self-rule area, which was not of great significance as a problem."

Answering a question on the coincidence of his visit with a visit to Jordan by Iraqi Vice-President Taha will withdraw from northern traq Yassin Ramadan, he said the PUK's when the operation reaches its relations with the Iraqi government 'are good and that there is no need be named, told Reuters. for holding talks with Iraqi officials

On the Security Council's maistrence on keeping the economic sanc-tions on Iraq, he said the U.N. resolutions on Iraq "are unjust and are considered as flagrant interference in its internal affairs." He stressed the need to bring these resolu-

tions to an end and called for safe-

guarding Iraq's unity, sovereignty and national unity. He pointed out that the issue of lifting the embargo imposed on traq since its invasion of Kuwaii was discussed in meetings he had with sever-

al European officials. On the Kurdish stand on the Palestinian issue. Mr. Talahani said the Palestinian problem in general

and Jerusalem in particular "have a special status in the hearts of the Kurdish people" and thar they suppon the right of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in tepresenting the Palestinians in any nego-

In Ankara. Turkey's delence minis-ier Friday defended the call for a "buffer zone" to be set up in northern Iraq to prevent new cross-border anacks by rebel Turkish Kurds based

"A definire security zone must be established. This may be parallel to our borders," Defence Minister Barlas Dogu told the semi-official Anatolian news agency.

Mr. Dogu said a five-day offensive

withdraw. Iraq protested on Thursday at the incursions.

For firm security, a buffer zone must be drawn up to prevent the separatist bandits from carrying out hit-and-run attacks," Mr. Dogu contended.

But a Foreign Ministry official said Turkey had no such declared policy. "What we have said is that the forces target," the official, who declined to

Ankara has vowed to smash stron-gholds of the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), seeking a separate state in

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Palestinians meet U.S. delegation on peace conference conditions

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank (Agencies) — Two Palesti-nian leaders met U.S. officials in the occupied West Bank Friday to diseuss Palestinian terms for taking part in a proposed Middle

East peace conference. Faisal Al Husseini and Hanan Ashrawi told reporters after the meeting that several unresolved issues were preventing a final decision on whether Palestinians

would attend. "We are in a very serious stage of the process but before a decision is made all matters have to be cleared," Mr. Husseini said. The three-man U.S. team ar-

rived Wednesday and met senior Israeli officials to draft wrinen understanding on the peace talks. The U.S. officials are Aaron Miller, a State Department policy planning staffer. Daniel Kurtzer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East affairs, and Edmund Hull, a National Security Council employee.

Mr. Ashrawi, who hosted the meeong at her Ramallah home, said the Palestinians and Americans had not made any written agreements during their meeong. "We discussed the letters of

assurances and guarantees and the principles on which the whole process should be based. We presented the Palestinian requirements. This was a preliminary meeting and there will be she said. others,"

They had not discussed specific names of Palestinians who could attend the talks, she added.

Palestinian representation is the main stumbling block to U.S. efforts to hold a Middle East peace conference in October.

Israel has said it will take part m the conference provided the Palestinian delegation does not include members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) or residents of Arab East Jerusalem. But Palestinians reject these conditions.

"The question of Palestinian representation is a Palestinian issue and only the Palestinian leadership will decide on that,"

Ms. Ashrawi said. Mr. Husseini and Ms. Ashrawi bave met U.S. Secretary of State

James Baker during his visits to the region to arrange the peace conference. Israeli and Palestinians said the two went to Tunis this week for consultations with the PLO leadership. The PLO welcomed the call to

a conference but it needs assurances and clarifications, Ms. Asbrawi said Friday.
Israel said on Thursday it would not automatically boycott

a Middle East peace conference if the PLO announced the names of Palestinian participants. The statement appeared to open a new possibility for the United States to seek PLO agree-

ment to Arab-Israeli talks. The PLO says no Palestinians will attend the conference without its consent and insists that the Palestinian delegation must include a representative from Arab

East Jerusalem. In an interview published by all local Arabic-language newspapers this week, Mr. Husseini said Mr. Baker was willing to give the Palestinians written assurances on their right to self-

He said U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 entail ending Israeli occupation and Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories, including East

Mr. Husseini said Palestinians had given Mr. Baker a qualified for his peace efforts.

"We did not say 'yes' to Baker, We said 'yes, but.' We said it in the context of a delegation of our choice and in the context of a delegation of our choice and in the context of a Palestinian understanding of the conference"

Zakariya Al Agha, the third Palestinian who met Mr. Baker was quoted as saying Friday that the U.S. secretary concurs that East Jerusalem is occupied Arab territory but has proposed that is, Jerosalem, the Americans controversial status be relegated to a later stage of Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

"The Americans refuse that Jerusalem be divided again, but they affirm that the east part of the city is occupied land," said Dr. Al Agha.

He was speaking in an inter-view published in the Londonbased daily Al Sharq Al Awsat. "The Americans realise the im-

portance of Jerusalem for us," he said. "But Mr. Baker says that in order to facilitate matters and so that we do not create impediments before the conference gets under way, then the fate of Jerusalem should be relegated to the second stage or when discussing the final settlement."

Then, there would be representatives of Jerusalem and of the diaspora in the delegation that will negotiate the final settlement, he said.

'The Americans consider (East) Jerusalem an occupied city and therefore part of the occupred Palestinian territories and its future must be defined in negotiations by eoncerned parties." Dr. Agha said.

They do not recognise the Israeli annexation of Jerusalem. Though they do not support the division of Jerusalem once again into east and west, they consider the fate of Jerusalem as a whole must be decided through negotiations between the Palestinian and Israeli parties."

A top aid to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said that Jerusalem would not have to be divided, but that Arabs needed to establish sovereignty on the eastern part of the city.

Dr. Agha referred to proposals first circulated in the 1978 Camp David accords of self-rule for the Palestinians in the occupied territories during a transitional period when a referendum would be hold to establish the form of rule the Arabs would prefer for the final settlement.

He said Mr. Baker preferred confederation with Jordan to an independent Palestinian state. He said that as a measure of

their good faith on the issue of through Mr. Baker have proposed that inhabitants of East Jerusalem exercise a voting right in the referendum, while a Palestinian "of Jerusalem descent" could be included in the delegation that will negotiate in the first stage.

"The Kurdish delegation to the as democratic change in Iraq." which serve troops by border police was a long way off, citing a shortage a means through which all Iraq's the direct dialogue (with the Iraqi serve troops by border police was negotiations is now in Baghdad and Turkey. problems can be solved, including the government) will continue," be said. Israel says it is conditionally ready

to hear Syria on occupied Golan Heights 87 per cent of Israelis polled support peace conference

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - A senior official says Israel has a list of topics it wants to discuss with Syria at a proposed peace conference before hearing its claims to the "Israeli annexed" Golan

Yossi Ben-Aharon, directorgeneral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office, told the biggest selling daily Yedioth Ahronoth in an interview published Friday.

"We will ask them what is the meaning of the peace they are talking about. And what they will do about the (Syrian) Jews, what they will do about their takeover of Lebanon and about the terror-

ist groups in their country.
"We will also ask them if they are prepared to revise their constitution which negates the state of Israel's right to exist. We will be prepared to hear what they have to say about the Golan Heights. But first we want answers to the questions I men-

Israel occupied the strategie pon their government's decision Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 war and "annexed" it in 1981. Mr. Shamir's right-wing government has vowed not to cede contol.

Syria has accepted a U.S. proposal to attend Middle East peace talks in October. Israel said it would join only if it agreed to who represents Palestinians. Some of the 11,000 Jewish set-

while refusing to yield on the occupied West Bank or Gaza Defence Minister Moshe Arens said in a radio interview on Friday that Israel hoped to talk

about things other than territory with Syria. up for discussion between us and Syria is the subject of territory, I fear it will be hard to get very

The telephone poll, conducted by Teleseker Monday and Tues-

the U.S.-proposed peace talks, tlers in the Golan fear Mr. Sbamir might give up the Heights

"If the only matter that will be

Israelis overwhelmingly sup-

political settlement, acording to at the conference. an opinion poll published Friday.

day for the daily Maariv, questioned 503 Israeli adults. It said 86.8 per cent supported

5.9 per cent were opposed, and the rest had no opinion. It gave a four-per cent margin of error. Asked whether they believed the conference would lead to a political settlement between Israel and the Arab states, 15.9 per cent were very optimistic, 38.2 per cent somewhat optimis-

doubted the talks would vield Seven per cent did not re-

The poll appeared two days after an American-Israeli team

tic, and 21.4 per cent slightly optimistic, while 17.5 per cent

began formulating a memoranto ariend a peace conference and are optimistic it will lead to a lsrael to guarantee U.S. backing

Israel has said it will attend the meeting provided its terms for Palestinian representation are

Israel objects to the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and also opposes Palestinians from East Jerusalem joining the talks.

Maariv said the United States

was trying to set up direct talks between Israel and Jordan in order to solve the dispute. Israel wants the Palestinians to be part of a Jordanian delegation at the conference. The U.S. delegation will also

Ashrawi and Faisal Husseini to go to Amman to discuss the composition of the delegation, Maariv said. Mr. Husseini and Ms. Ashrawi

met the U.S. delegation informal-

ly Friday.

press Palestinian leaders Hanan

PNC likely to meet in Algeria Sept. 15

By Jamal Halaby The Associated Press

AMMAN - Senior Palestinian leaders plan to meet and discuss the U.S.-proposed Arab-Israeli peace conference and efforts to solve the Palestinian problem, an official re-

ported Friday. The speaker of Palestine National Council (PNC), Sheikh Abdul Hamid Sayeh. said a meeting for the lawmaking body was tentatively scheduled for Sept. 15 in

Sbeikh Sayeh said that he

was leaving for Algeria Sunday

to prepare the agenda of talks

for the 450-member legisla-

Algeria.

ture, which decides Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) policy.

"The meeting will discuss developments on the Arab and international arenas, but it will focus on the U.S.-proposed Middle East peace conference and plans to resolve the Palestinians' plight," Sheikh Sayeb told the Associated Press.

He said that the council will also discuss Palestinian representation in the proposed peace conference.

The United States, which is co-sponsoring the conference along with the Soviet Union,

favours the formation of a

joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the proposed peace

The PLO's sympathy to-

wards Iraq during the Gulf

crisis has led the United States and its Arab allies to speak of trying to bypass the PLO, or at least its current leadership, in peace discussions. U.S. Secretary of State James Baker who toured the region six times this year, said Washington prefers a joint de-

oves not connected to the Jordan stressed that Palestinians should pick their representatives to the proposed con-

legation of Jordanian officials

and Palestinian representa-

sentatives should negociate the Palestinian dimension of the problem with Israelis.

His Majesty King Hussein said he was waiting for a PLO acceptance to the suggested formula. Sheikh Sayeh said that the

council will also elect new

members to replace an estimated 70 members who have died recently as well as a new In the last PNC meeting in

November 1988, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat proclaimed an independent Palestinian state, renounced terrorism and recognised Israel.

als the Gulf war as previously thought, two television networks in Exported Thursday. Both NBC in tigation had found that 20 of the of 148 American soldiers who died k in the war were killed by their own side rather than 11 previousdaly reported. The investigation r found that about 60 of the 458 U.S soldiers wounded in the war pe were victims of American weapons, four times the 15 previously reported, the networks said. The Defence Department said the army planned to release the report next Tuesday but neither agency would confirm the enew casualty figures.

ney General Dick Thornburgh submitted his resignation Friday to he could begio a widely ex-Affective until next week, is the andds-on favourite to win the speskial Senate election in Pennsylvasia. Where he served two terms as povernor. The attorney general, #9, submitted the resignation let-

Bakhtiar knifed to death; blame placed at Tehran feet

PARIS (Agencies) - The shah of Iran's last prime minister has been found stabbed to death at his bome outside Paris, and Iranian exiles claimed the slaying was the work of a hit squad from Tehran.

Shahpour Bakhtiar, 76, and his top aide, Fouroush Katibeh, were discovered by Mr. Bakhtiar's son at their well-guarded home in Suresnes, west of Paris. They were killed sometime Wednesday night or Thursday morning, police said.

An anonymous caller to an international news agency said Thursday evening his group had carried out the killing and further similiar action was planned.

"That's Bakhtiar done for. We are now in Brussels," said the caller, speaking in French and Arabic. There was no way of verifying wbether the call was genuine or a hoax.

It was unclear how an assailant could have entered the residence. which is guarded around the clock hy four policemen. There were no signs of forced entry or a

struggle. Police said they were searching for three Iranians who visited Bakhtiar Tuesday afternoon. Papers checked by guards showed they lived in France, police said.

Iranian exiles immediately claimed the killings were carried out by Iran in retaliation for Mr. Bakhtiar's staunch criticism of the radical regime that came to power - led by Ayatollah Ruholiah Khomeini - after the 1979

The Jerusalem Post

NEW YORK - Kuwait no lon-

ger enforces the secondary Arah

boycott against Israel - at least

Ambassador Edward Gnehm,

in a letter dated May 30 to

Senator Ernest Hollings, said

Kuwait publicly announced it no

longer required companies to

produce documents such as certi-

ficiates of origin, which were previously used to police the

day by the World Jewish Con-

The letter was released yester-

for U.S. firms - the American

amhassador there says.

boycott.

Mr. Bakhtiar's murder "was Bakhtiar's death, saying he had ordered by the mullahs" of Iran, been killed in Paris. said former Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

"Three or four days ago I received a list of oppositionists that the regime had decided to suppress ... and among them was Shahpour Bakhtiar," said Mr. Bani-Sadr, who also lives in exile near Paris. "I received information saying that this time it was very serious, and that the Mullahs in power had decided to suppress me (as well).

"There is no doubt that this was committed by a death squad from the Khomeini regime," said Afchine Alavi, international secretary of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, an Iranian exile group.

An attempt was made on Bakhtiar's life 11 years ago, when armed men posing as journalists entered his house and tried to shoot their way to the expremier. They failed, but a policeman and a neighbour were killed and three policemen were

Anis Naccache, a Lebanese national and convicted leader of a pro-Iranian squad, was convicted of leading the five-member hit squad. He was released from prison in 1989 in exchange for three French bostages released from Lebanon.

It was not known if Mr. Bakhtiar had received death threats recently, but neighbours said the police guard around his house had been increased this week.

In Tehran, official radio made a simple announcement of Mr. Mr. Bakhtiar was stabbed to

Mr. Gnehm quoted the

Kuwaiti director of customs

saying the boycott would be "different," and goods could be

imported to Kuwait from any coalition country - regardless of

boycott 'hlack list' would not be

used against American com-

reports that "Jewish firms or

Americans of the Jewish faith

could not obtain contracts or

"Those reports are simply not

employment in Kuwait."

The ambassador denied media

panies," Mr. Gnehm wrote.

"He said specifically the

the seller.

The French foreign ministry condemned the killing and said it expected an investigation would "shed all light" on the attack. The interior ministry ordered tight controls at all border points. Prime Minister Edith Cresson called the murders a "cowardly

Apparently seeking to shift hlame from Iran, Tehran's U.N. ambassador, Kamal Kharazi, said in New York that he saw a connection between the assassination and the release of British hostage John McCarthy io Beirut.

"I believe it's a suspicious issue that these two phenomenon are coinciding, and I don't know who has done (the assassination) and what is behind it," Mr. Kharazi told the U.S. Cahle News Network. He did not elaborate.

Mr. Bani-Sadr also claimed there was a link between Mr. Bakhtiar's murder and the release of Mr. McCarthy. "It was to cover up the assassination that

they freed the hostage," he said. Mr. Bakhtiar served in office only 38 days before escaping to France when Shah Reza Pahlavi was toppled by Shiite Muslim fundamentalists in February

Mr. Bakhtiar in 1981 founded the National Resistance Movement, an opposition-in-exile group opposed to the revolutionary government.

"Since Kuwait's liberation,

many new American firms have

found husiness opportunities in

Kuwait, and many of those com-

panies employ Americans of the

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Shahpour Bakhtlar

death in Paris. Abdul Rahman Boroumand, 63, a leading Iranian dissident, was murdered at his home about an hour after meeting with Mr. Bakhtiar, who hlamed Iranian forces for the

killing. Bakhtiar was married to a

Frenchwoman Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, who returned from holiday to pay tribute to Mr. Bakhtiar at a Paris mortuary, said Thursday France hoped to be able to bring the killers to justice.

Asked whether the murder would affect relations between France and Iran, Mr. Dumas told reporters: "When we have all the information, we will be able to draw the necessary conclusions.' Relations between France and Iran have improved considerably in the past year and President François Mitterrand is due to visit Tehran in the Autumn.

Former Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said the visit would be out of the question if a In April. a close associate of link with the Iranian government

were proved.

the onus of this policy remaining in effect remains with the U.S.," he said.

The American ambassador tor that the boycott has been

But Mr. Steinberg suggested the Kuwaitis may have abandoned the boycott because Iraqi troops "looted the blacklist papers from the boycott office in Knwait City," leaving the complex hoycott enforcement

"These files and records are lifted the boycott, and therefore not easily replaced," he said.

Kuwait reported to have ended secondary boycott

has taken a major responsibility in having reassured a U.S. sena-

machinery "in a shambles."

45% of Americans think stopping settlements should be.

condition for loan guarantees The Jerusalem Post

NEW YORK - A majority of Americans believe the U.S. should require Israel to stop huilding settlements in the occupied territories as a condition for providing loan guarantees to resettle Soviet Jews, or believe the loans should not be granted under any circumstances, according to an NBC News/Wall Street Journal survey released Thursday.

Forty-five per cent of those surveyed responded that the loan guarantees should be granted only on condition that Israel be forced to stop huilding the settlements. while another 11 per cent said the U.S. should not provide the guarantees under any circumstances.

Only 29 per cent believed that the loan guarantees should be granted without the U.S. requiring Israel to halt settlement activity.

Fifty per cent of the more than 1,000 respondents felt

control of land in the occupied territories and Golan Heights in exchange for a peace agreement with the Arah states: 34 per cent said Israel should not give up control, and 16 per cent were unsure.

According to the survey. which was conducted be-tween July 26-29 — less than a week before Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir answered yes" to U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's proposal for a Middle East peace conference — more Americans still said they thought Israel was a higger obstacle to Middle East peace than the Arab countries.

Asked who is "currently the biggest obstacle to finding a peace settlement in the Arab-Israeli dispute." 37 per cent of those surveyed answered Israel; 35 per cent said they thought it was the Arah nations, and 11 per cent answered "both equally."

The survey had a margin of that Israel should give up error of 32 per cent.

Kurdish guerrillas free ten German tourists

ANKARA (AP) - Ten German tourists who were kidnapped by Kurdish guerrillas in eastern Turkey a week ago were released Friday, a Germany Embassy spokesman said.

The Germans - four women, three men and three chidren had been set free and were in the eastern town of Tatvan, the spokesman said.

The semi-official Anatolia news agency reported that the tourists were released in Cizmeciburun, located between the two neighbouring eastern provinces of Mus and Bitlis.

They were spotted by a passenger has on the road around 0530 a.m. (O230 GMT) when the tourists waved and asked him to stop, the dispatch said.

The hus driver took them to a gas station and telephoned police from the gas station at 0730 a.m. (O430 GMT) and hrought them to a police station in Tatvan, it

Journalists were only allowed to take photographs of the tourists briefly, Anatolia said. They appeared in good health but were exhausted and their outfits were

covered with mud, it added. Kurdish guerrillas abducted 15 German tourists from their camp

eastern Bitlis province late Thorsday. Five later managed to

escape. The guerrillas said the kidnapping was in retaliation for the prosecution of the members of the Kurdish Labour (PKK) in

Several PKK members live under refugee status in Germany and the German government has cracked down on several of them for their links with extremism.

The National Liberation Front of Kurdistan announced in Germany this week that the leadership of the Kurdish separatist movement did not approve of the kidnappings and the tourists would be released.

A spokesman for the front said the kidnappings were carried out by a regional operating group of the military wing of the PKK, which acted on its own.

PKK has been fighting in Tur-key's mostly Kurdish southeast for seven years for a separate state. About 3,000 people have been killed in clashes since 1984. It is rare for the guerrillas to target foreigners.

Turkish soldiers had searched the area to find the tourists over the past week. Two specially trained German policemen also site near a crater lake in the joined the rescue operation.

Iraq could cooperate if oil sale extended

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) Iraq might accept a U.N. proposal to allow it to sell limited amounts of oil if the sales were allowed over a longer term and Iraq had more control over the revenue earned by them, Iraq's ambassador said Thursday.

Abdul Amir Al Anbari said that several Third World members of the Security Council had agreed with his proposal that the proposed oil sale resolution be

The United States, Britain, China, France and the Soviet Union Wednesday agreed on a draft resolution permitting \$1.6 billion in tightly controlled oil sales by Iraq in three instalments over six months.

The entire 15-member council is expected to discuss the resolution early next week.

"The resolution could be improved by extending the sale from six months to one year." Mr. Anbari told reporters. He said Iraq should be given more authority over the oil sale and the imports of hasic necessities.

Under the current resolution, the U.N. Security Council would set up an escrow account to take in the oil revenue and portion out payments for food, medicine and other needs for Iraq, as well as to compensate victims of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The oil sales also would finance U.N. military observers and the destruction of Iraqi weapons. Mr. Anbari repeated that Iraq would not sell oil under such a

restrictive programme. Thirty per cent of the oil revenue would be set aside to compensate victims of the Iraqi invasion of Knwait and the Gulf war. The revenue would also help finance U.N. ceasefire monitoring activities, including nonconventional weapons teams and military observers along the Iraq-

Kuwait border.

Under the proposal, the Iraqi government would not be able to determine how the money would be spent.

The United Nations also would monitor distribution of the sup-

Mr. Anbari said the resolution should be amended to give Iraq more control in the use of the funds. He said Baghdad would agree to turn over documents about the oil sales and purchase of humanitarian supplies.

The non-aligned nations in the Security Council are discussing the resolution among themselves and could recommend amendments to ease restrictions on Iraq. Any of the five permanent members could veto auch amend-

The non-aligned council members include India, Ivory Coast, Cuba, Ecuador, Romania, Ye-

men, Zair and Zimbabwe. The oil sale would be a onetime exception to the U.N. economic sanctions imposed after Iraq'a August 1990 invasion of Kuwait, Western diplomats said.

Canadian claim

Canadians will slap Iraq with a claim for about \$100 million in compensation for suffering and damage inflicted in Iraq and Knwait during the Gulf crisis, a government official said Thurs-

The size of the claim may rise, the official said, as Canadians continue to learn the extent of the

"We're preparing the claim so when a fund is set up for reparations Canadians can be compensated," External Affairs Department spokesman Rodney Moore said in an interview.

Aimost 200 personal claims are being filed by Canadians held, injured or forced to leave following Iraq's invasion of the emirate.

Islamic ministers end conference, assail Iraq

ISTANBUL (AP) - Foreign Ministers from Islamic countries condemned Iraq Thursday for its invasion of Kuwait, said it was "fully responsible" for human and material losses and demanded compensation.

The condemnation came in the final communique of the 20th conference of Islamic foreign ministers, the first such meeting of the group since the Gulf war. Iraq's minister of state for foreign affairs who failed to convince the

conference to call for a lifting of U.N. sanctions against Iraq. walked out of the final session. Trag was condemned in the communique for "persecuting, torturing and killing Kuwaiti

citizens. plundering public and

private property and setting fire to and sabotaging oil wells. The foreign ministers said Iraq was "fully responsible for the human and material damages inflicted upon Kuwait and other

countries" and demanded compensation from Iraq.
They also demanded that Iraq adhere to all U.N. Security Council resolutions on the elimination of weapons of mass destruction.

The communique also praised the Palestinian Intifada as "the just struggle of the valiant Palestinian people. It also called for urgent inter-

national protection of Palestinians under Israeli occupation and reaffirmed it recognised the Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) as the "sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people." The foreign ministers said the

PLO can represent Palestinians, "in all conferences and activities relating to the Palestinian question and the Arab-Israeli con-

The clause reflected conference's reservations regarding a Middle East peace conference which U.S. Secretary of State James Baker has been trying to organise. Israel has said it would not accept PLO as a negotiating partner,

On Cyprus, the conference turned down a bid hy the hreakaway Turkish republic of northern Cyprus for membership. But isting observer status hy allowing it to take part im the conference's activities. ..

It urged the Turkish and Greek Cypriots to negotiate together to reach a settlement and expressed support to the U.N. secretary general mediating in the dispute.

The conference also at least partially sided with host Turkey, underlining what it called "the key importance of respect for the principle of political equality" in seeking a solution to the Cyprus problem.

Turkish and Turkish Cypriot governments have accepted a call by U.S. President George Bush for a meeting with Greek and Cypriot leaders. But Turkish Cypriot officials said they would insist on recognition of equality "meaning a rotating presidency in the projected federal state, equal representation in the government and strengthened guarantees from Turkey."

The conference also called for a peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant U.N. resolutions. It urged India, holding the higger portion of the disputed. Muslim-dominated territories, to allow international human rights groups to visit the two provinces to check the allegations

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Soviet lawmakers urge renewed Iraqi ties

MOSCOW (AP) - Hardline Soviet lawmakers returning from a trip to Iraq said Thursday that Baghdad officials want to restore close ties with the Soviet Union but that Kremlin officials are resisting. The Soyuz group, a hardline continuent of Soviet legislators that has condemned Mikhail Gorbachev for supporting the war, sent a delegation to Iraq for a week this month at the invitation of the Iraqi parliament. Hardliners were angered that Mr. Gorbachev backed the coalition against Iraq, which the Soviet Union had armed since the 1970s and advised until last year. Delegation leader Yevgeny Kogan said Iraqi officials, businessmen and citizens emphasised the need to restore close Soviet-Iraqi ties, particularly in economic cooperation, according the state oews agency TASS. Mr. Kogan said Iraqi officials were willing to repay their debt to the Soviet Union with oil but that Soviet officials were refusing to renegotiate the debt. The size of the debt was not disclosed. "Mr. Kogan said the Soviet Foreign Ministry is not active enough and even shows political shortsight-edness when it does little to restore broad ties," TASS reported. Mr. Kogan said he will raise the issue in parliament, TASS said. Mr. Kogan said the Soyuz delegation signed a joint statement with Iraqi legislators calling for the return of Soviet specialists "to help restore what was destroyed there during combat operations," TASS said.

Vanunu appeals against solitary confinement

TEL AVIV (R) - Convicted Israeli nuclear spy Mordechai Vanunu is appealing against a ruling that prison authorities may hold him in solitary confinement, Israeli army said Friday. It said Mr. Vanunu was appealing to Israel's supreme court to overturn a ruling by a lower court which said he possessed classified information that he tried to send abroad from prison via letters. It found prison authorities were thus justified in keeping him away from other prisoners. Mr. Vanunu, 36, was convicted in March 1988 of treason and espionage for allegedly selling Israeli muclear secrets to a British newspaper and sentenced to 18 years in prison. He worked for nine years as a low-ranking technician at Israei's secret Dimona nuclear centre in the desert before telling the London Sunday Times newspaper in September 1986 that israel had produced up to 200 atomic bombs at the site. Mr. Vancanu's original trial was shrouded in secrecy.

Diibouti returns Ethlopia alrcraft

DIBOUTI (R) - Djibouti has returned to Ethiopia 22 military aircraft flown there when the government of military dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam was overthrown in May. Djibouti state radio said a representative of Ethiopia'a new interim government-was present at a handing-over ceremony at Djibouti air force base Thursday. The aircraft returned were Soviet-built MiGs, belicopter gunships and passenger and training aircraft. Mengistu's air force collapsed several days before rebels took control in the capital Addis Ababa on May 28. Pilots flew to neighbouring Djibouti as the rebels closed in.

Algeria's former ruling party elects politburo

ALGIERS (R) - Algeria's former ruling party Thursday elected a new leadership to help steer the country through general elections due later this year. The Algerian news agency APS said the 15-man politburo of the National Liberation Front (FLN) included reformist former Prime Minister Mouloud Hamrouche, whose economic policies faced opposition from party supporters of a rigidly-centralised economy. The politburo was elected after a closed session which was also addressed by Prime Minister Six Ahmad Ghozali. Mr. Ghozali briefed the central committee. which elected the politburo, on the poor state of the economy. He accused previous governments of opting for loans leading to increased indebtedness instead of trying to remedy the situation. APS said Mr. Ghozali told delegates the situation was very serious both for the security of Algerians and the country. "We are on the edge of a critical situation that we must master," he

U.N. to repatriate 250,000 Somails

ADDIS ABABA (R) - Authorities will start to repatriate some 250,000 Somali refugees living in squalor in camps in Ethiopia from October, a United Nations spokesman said Thursday. About 600,000 Somalis have taken refuge in eastern Ethiopia to escape civil war in their neighbouring Horu of Africa nation. Many demanded to be sent home when U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Sadako Ogata toured refugee camps in Ethiopia last month. The spokesman said a UNHCR team was preparing for their return to northern Somalia, ruled by a Somali armed group which declared secession from the rest of the war-torn country in May. The U.N. has been criticised for not re-establishing a permanent presence in Somalia seven months after former Somali dictator Mohammad Siad Barre was ousted from power.

U.S. to restore two Kuwait airbases

WASHINGTON (R) — Kuwait has agreed to pay \$105 million to repair two Kuwaiti air bases damaged during the Gulf war, the Defence Department said. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will oversee planning and engineering to restore minimum operations at the bases at Ahmad Al Jaber and Ali Al Salem, the Pentagon said.

Mother Teresa visits Sudan

KHARTOUM (AP) - Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa Thursday offered her help to Sudanese children affected by war and drought, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said. Mother Teresa met with Brigadier Dominic Kassiano, member of the ruling Revolution Command Council. SUNA said that Mother Teresa offered the services of her Calcatta-based charity organisation to help young victims of war and drought. There has been a civil war in south Sudan since 1983 which has displaced millions of civilians. And a drought in most of Sudan has created a famin which has affected millions more. Children and old people have been the first victims of the fighting and the famine but no figures

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Children

PETRA (Petra) - Children parhopating in the Arab Children's ongress held in Amman Thursday visited the archaeological city of Potra, in south fordan.

The children were briefed on the history of the city and the surrounding area and on means adopted to conserve it.

The children also visited Wadi Masa and met with children from the area at Wash Musa Charitable Society. The visit is part of a week-long programme which en-talls, among other things, visits to Jordanian households, tours of archaeological and touristic sites and attendance of various cultural performances.

Children fram Jordan, Algeria, Sudan, Palestine, Iraq and Tunisia are taking part in the congress which was opened Wednesday by Her Majesty Queen Noor.

The congress, initiated in 1980 after the Amman Arah Summit. brings together children from various parts of the Arati World in a bid to belp boost cultural interaction among Arab countries.

Jordan Alumni Club awards R.I

AMMAN (J.T.) — Director General of Royal Jordanian (RJ) airlines Husam Abu Ghazaleh Thursday received the trophy of the University of Jordan's Alumni Club in appreciation of RI's role and its active participation in the relebration held by the club to mark the 39th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's accession to the throne.

The trophy was delivered to Mr. Abu Ghazaleb by club President Abdul Karim Al Kabariti, who visited Mr. Abu Ghazaleh in

RJ participation in the celebration was in the form of a pavillion it had set up at the celebration site. The pavillion displayed photographs reflecting the most mportant activities performed by

Mr. Abn Ghazaleh expressed appreciation to the University of Jordan's Aiumni Club.

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King receives Libyan delegate

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday received a message from Lihvan President Muammar Qadhafi dealing with bilateral relations and the latest developments on the Arab and international scenes.

The message was delivered by Col. Mustafa Kharroubi, member of the 1st September Libyan Revolution Leadership, during an audience with the King.

The audience was attended by Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker. Information and Culture Minister and acting Foreign Minister Dr. Khaled Karaki, the Jordanian ambassador to Libya, the Libyan ambassador in Amman and the director of the Arab Department and the Libyan Foreign Ministry.

Col. Kharroubi arrived in Amman Thursday, from Damascus, on a brief visit to Jordan. His visit is part of a tour which will take him to a number of Arab countries for consultations on developments in the Arab region. Col. Kharroubi left Amman

Also Thursday, King Hussem received Jalal Talabani, an Iraqi-Kurdish leader, and exchanged views with him on the situations in the Arab region. The audience was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

King congratulates Singapore

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday sent a cable to President Wee Kim Wee of Singapore congranulating him in his own name and on behalf of the Jordanian people and government on his country's national day. The King sent his best wishes to President Wee and wished the people of Singapore

Prince Hassan receives U.S. team

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Thursday received a U.S. human rights delegation currently visiting fordan. Prince Hassan briefed the delegation on Jordan's stand on the Gulf crisis and the efforts it exerted to resolve it through peaceful means, on the basis of international legitimacy. He also explained to them Jordan's role during the crisis in providing assistance to hundreds of thousands of evacuees who flooded Inrdan after Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait. The Crown Prince reviewed during the meeting the possible developments in the current peace efforts which aim at solving the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian problem as well as relations between Jordan and the U.S.

Ramadan ends visit

AMMAN (Petra) — Iraqi Vice-President Taha Yassin Ramadan Thursday wound up a two day visit to Jordan during which be conveyed a verbal message to His Majesty King Hussein from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Mr. Ramadan also held talks with Prime Minister Taher Masri and senior Jordanian officials on the situations in the region and the efforts being made to find a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine question, and bilateral Iraqi-Jordanian relations. He was seen off at the airport by Mr. Masn, Information and Culture Minister Khaled Al Karaki, who is also acting foreign minister, and the Iraqi ambassador in Amman.

JD 150 m collected in customs duty in 7 months

AMMAN (Petra) - Revenues from customs duty in the first seven months of 1991 amounted to JD 154,780,581, out of a total of an estimated JD 200,500,000 in the 1991 fiscal budget. according to Mohammad Mahdi Al Farhan, director of the Customs Department. He said that the figures far exceeded those revenues collected in the same period of 1990 and gave a clear indication of a real improvement in the national economy and the country's economic performance over the past year. Dr. Farhan said that the improvement also reflected the effective measures adopted by the customs offices in collecting dues.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITION

Richibition of traditional embroideries and hand-made items at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel.

Al Foheis Cultural Festival

- Lecture, in Arabic, on "Immigration from Fuheis" by Khaled Muneisel at the festival's site in Al Fuheis City - 5:30 p.m.
- Rectry recital by Jordanian poets Abdullah Radwan, Yousef Abdul Aziz and Ali Al Fazza at the festival's site -- 7:15 p.m.

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Concert by Jordanian singer Bishara Al Rabadi at the Latine Church in Al Fuheis — 9:30 p.m.

Influx of repatriates, visitors given as reason for water shortage

AMMAN (Petra) - Drinking water shortage in certain areas of the Kingdom was caused by the return of large numbers of expatriates and the sudden arrival in the Kingdum of many visitors. They increased demand on water significantly, according to Minister of Water and Irrigation Samir

He said in an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the ministry over the past four weeks was pumping 600 cubic metres per hour of water as additional quantities from Al Hidan region to Amman to meet the increasing demand for water.

He added that electrical power disruptions, for three weeks, exacerbated the water shortage problem. "Electrical power cuis. even for a few minutes, halt the process of pumping water for homs," the minister said.

The ministry, he said, is keen on providing drinking water to every citizen "and will never hesitate to discuss and study all avail-

able substitutes to achieve this try's capabilities so that they re-

Every summer Amnian is visited by thousands of expatnates who come to spend their racations with their families. This year, more than 350,000 Jordanians and Palestinians returned from Kuwait and several Arab Gulf states because of the situation there. In addition, more than summer because of various

Mr. Kawar said that there were about 1? million cubic metres of water for irrigation in the King Tidal dam and that this quantity was not sufficient in the light of the increasing demand.

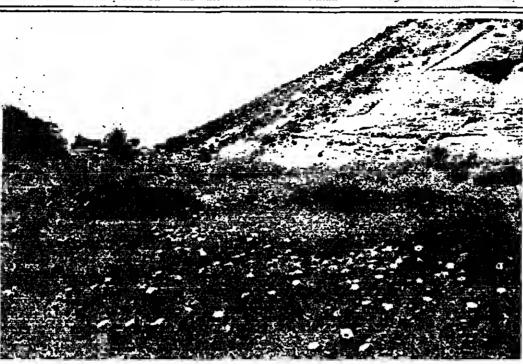
The ministry intends in the near future to conduct a study on the quantities of irrigation water available and the quantities required for the new agricultural season in the Jordan Valley region in order to inform farmers of the water situation and the minis-

duce water consumption, the minister saió.

He affirmed that water in the King Tolal dam was not polluted and was fit for agricultural use. But, he added, as water in the dam decreases, it will be difficult to determine whether the water will be fit for irrigation.

"This will be determined by the 100,000 Iraqis visited Jordan this availability of water in reasonable quantities and we are trying to preserve the rights of the farmers. whether now or in the future. Therefore we conduct laboratory tests on water flowing in and out of the dam and we will soon have a clear picture of the water situation in terms of available quantities, required quantities, substitule water sources and other related things," he said.

"Farmers will be familiarised with all our findings so that we cooperate together in drawing the features of the coming agricultural stage in the Jordan Valley."



Scenic view from Dana Wildlife Reserve (file photo)

Nature societies express concern over state of Dana Wildlife Reserve

By Maha Addasi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A joint study by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) conducted in 1976 has been reactivated recently by RSCN and the Forestry Department at Ministry of Agri-

Although the study designated 12 reserve areas to be established in Jordan as a means of protecting the King-dom's diverse habitats, RSCN and the Ministry of Agriculture express special concern about the Dana reserve.

According to informed sources at RSCN, Dana, near Tafileh in the south of Jordan, is in dire need for protection.

"The Dana area has been overgrazed by cattle and goats. Trees were cut down for firewood. That meant that roots. that usually bind the soil together, were lost and heavy rainfall lead to soil erosion, Maher Abu Jaafar, general director of RSCN.

"This, along with the drying

up of water holes in the area, due to drought, the loss of vegetation and some wildlife because of lack of food and because of animal hunting by the locals, (is the reason) some animals are now almost locally extinct. This is reason enough to protect (the) Dana area," he

The president of RSCN. Anis Muasher, said that conservation and development were often perceived as being conflicting missions. "This need not be the case," Mr. Muasher said. "RSCN is setting out at Dana to harmonise these two objectives."

Mr. Muasher added that the Dana project was not only a nature reserve but an integrated conservation project encompassing the protection of natural species of the region along with planning and assistance in controlled development of the area surrounding the reserve.

Dana reserve encompasses 150 square kilometres, ranging from wooded mountains, in the northern sector, to a lesser scrub steppe in the south.

Last year, the Ministry of

Agriculture, officially designated Dana as a nature reserve, consequently, defining the role of RSCN.

"RSCN has already appointed a team of wardens to patrol the reserve area and enforce the protected status of the reserve." Mr. Muasher said. "An extensive reforestation programme is being conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture with German assistance."

According to Mr. Muasher, the project encompasses the additional measures needed to make the Dana Wildlife Reserve complete. "The reforestation programme will continue and the indigenous trees of the area will be protected and cared for to prevent a recurrence of the petrification that afflicted some trees in the recent past," he said.

The reserve will also be host to a wildlife reintroduction centre. "The centre will be an integral part of the RSCN captive breeding programme that is aimed at restoring to Jordan endangered species that have become locally extinct," Mr.

Minister stresses Industrial exhibition role of youth in AMMAN (Petra) - The second Jordanian national industries ex-

bibition, organised by the Jorda-nian Commercial Centres Corporation to mark the King's accession to the throne anniversary, opens today at Amman International Fair in Marj Al

The exhibition, which will last until Aug. 25, displays industrial products by 138 Jordanian com-panies and establishments.

opens

The Amman Chamber of Industry has extended invitations to Arab chambers of industry and commerce delegations to attend the opeoing ceremony.

On Friday, a delegation representing Oman Chamber of Industry and Commerce arrived in Amman. The delegation comprises members of the chamber's board of directors and executive council Salem Al Khalili and Salem Al Jahonri.

A delegation representing Damascus Chamber of Industry arrives loday. The delegation will comprise the chamber's Board of Directors Chairman Yahya Al Nada, the chamber's Director General Abdul Majid Malkani and member of the Board of Directors Adel Al Husseim.

serving local communities AMMAN (Petra) - The 5th - Security Department (PSD)

national gathering for Jordanian youth, which began in Alloun on Aug. 5, ended here Thursday.

Addressing the closing session of the gathering, which included 120 Jordanian youth working or studying abroad, Youth Minister Saleh Ersheidat underlined the role of youth in serving local community and recalled the objectives of such national

The gathering, which is held annually, aims at forging closer ties of friendship and cooperation among Jordanian youth abroad and to give them the opportunity to see for themselves the achievements their country has made. In

addition to that, the gathering gives participants the opportunity tn enrich their experiences through exchanges of experience, thoughts and ideas.

Before ending their meetings, participants visited the Public

where they were briefed by PSD Director Maj. General Fadel Ali Fuheid on the duties of the Public Security Department.

Maj. Gen. Fuheid said that the PSD personnel did not spare any effort in providing security and stability for citizens and the coun-He said that the PSD personnel

was fully equipped to protect citizens and their property, and to provide the necessary security climate necessary for the economic, and social development.

He spoke about the role of the PSD personnel in ensuring the sound performance of the parliamentary elections which took place in November 1989.

He stressed the public security philosophy saying that it is cased on respect of law and safeguarding national security without any intimidation or threat.

More expatriates to arrive

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The fresh flow of expatriates from Kuwait. which began last week is expeeted to continue mostly throughout this month and September, with close to 10,000 arrivals before the end of September, expatriate sources said Friday.

Two chartered planes brought in 340 expatriates Friday. Other flights are expected later this week.

"Technically one cannot call it expulsion by the Kuwain authorities, but that is what is practically amounts to," said an expatriate who bas volunteered his services to help the returnees. "The (Kuwaiti) employers are not renewing their work and residence permits. Some of them were hanging on in Kuwait only to collect their severence pay and close their accounts with banks." said the volunteer who preferred not to be identified since several of his family members remain in the emirate.

"When there is no employment and you can't even send your children to school, what is the purpose of staying on in any country?" he asked. Reports from Kuwait bave

said that children of expatriates whose countries were perceived as supporters of Iraq during the Gulf crisis were being denied admission.

Some of the returnees said they lived through the sevenmonth occupation of Kuwait and opted to stay on with the hope of finding alternative employers. "But the government policy of 'Kuwaitisauon' of the employment market worked against us." said a civil engineer who returned Tuesday.

"As if that were not enough, there is the perpetual mistreatment and fear of persecution" by Kuwaitis, said the engineer who identified himself as Yasser, a native of Qubeilan, near Nabhis, in the occupied West Bank.

The retrenchment of Jordanian and Palestinian workers upon the expiry of their work

permits is widely seen as Kuwaiti government retribution against what the emirate's residents saw as Palestinian and Jordanian support for

Kuwaitis went on a rampagage against Jordanians, Palestinians, Yemenis and Sudanese following the liberation of the emirate in late February. Dozens were killed and hundreds were tortured. Many remain in detention.

"Very few Kuwaitis are willing to acknowledge that if it were not for their Palestinian friends they would have starved to death during the occupation," said Yasser. They have forgotten that it was only the Palestinians who gave them shelter and food when the Iraqis were on lookout for Kuwaitis," he added.

"It was also Palestinians who intervened with the Iraqis and stopped them from storming Kuwaiti homes in exclusively Kuwaiti residential areas and ensured that residents of these areas got bread and water," he recounted.

There may be some Palestinians who supported the Iraqi invasion, but long-term Palestinian residents (of the emirate) were against it and they extended help to the Kuwaitis wherever they could," he said, "See what the Kuwain's are giving us in return?"

Yasser explained that many of the expatriates were waiting for Kuwaiti banks to lift restrictions on withdrawals on Aug. 3 before leaving the emi-"They had their life savings in bank accounts and they knew that it would be a long process before they could get their money if they were to leave Kuwait without it," he

"They went to their banks as soon as the restrictions were lifted, withdrew all their money and fled further persecution and degradation,"

Following the liberation of Kuwait, the emiri regime put dozens of Palestinians and Jordanians on trial for alleged-

However, bowing to Arab and international pressure, the emiri government has commuted the death sentences pas-

sed on 29 people. Hundreds remain in Kuwaiti jails facing trials, which are expected to begin after the transfer of their cases to civilian courts from a military court whose functions were terminated with the end of the martial law in the emirate in

July.
"The situation is still very unsafe in Kuwait for us," said Yasser. "Some Kuwaitis still openly attack Palestinians and Jordanians while others treat you like din and spit at you,"

Some of those who arrived here last week were taken to the plane direct from jails where they were being held without charges, he said.

There is no dignified life for any non-Kuwaiti in Kuwait except for Europeans and Americans," he said.

Over 850 expatriates landed in Amman aboard privately chartered planes from Kuwait this week, and another 1,900 are expected to arrive by mid-August, according to official

Also expected to begin some time soon is an overland flow of others who cannot afford to pay the charier, but the situation on the Iraqi-Kuwait border or whether the Kuwaiti government will permit voluntary crossing to Iraq remains

unknown. Most of the latest arrivals here are believed to be residents of the Wesi Bank who carry temporary Jordanian passports. The authorities have appealed that those who need not urgently reach the West Bank stay back in the East Bank for a few days so as not to clog the bridges across the

"Not all of the returnees bave money," said the volunteer. "Some of them could hardly pay the air fare to Amman, and these people are the real ones who need help from

Investigation to be conducted into low tawjihi pass rate

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education is opening an investigation into the reasons behind the low level results of the 1990-1991 tawjihi examinations in the Kingdom.

Minister of Education Eid Dahiyat issued a circular to all educational departments to complete their investigations in four

Investigations at each school should be conducted separately so as to determine the rate of

circular said. The minister said that the re-

suit of the survey would be submitted to a special Ministry of Education committee.

The results of the tawjihi examinations were announced by the minister on July 19. He told a press conference that the number

of students who registered for the

success and failure and their 57,365 sat for the tests. Dr. reasons so that measures for non- Dahiyat said that the overall pasrecurrence can be taken, the sing rate, in all branches for regular students, was 51.9 per cent, considered low compared

> Dr. Dahiyat said tht the number of students who failed the examination this year was high and stressed the need for evaluating the educational development process involving teachers, stu-

examinations was 62,861. Only dents and the school curricula. Minister pledges to address engineers', contractors' grievances

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of also in the Arab World. Public Works and Housing Sa'ad Hayel Al Srour Thursday visited the Jordanian Engineers Association where me met with president, Ismail Brewish and members of the association's board.

The minister was briefed by Mr. Brewish on the problems and concerns of the engineering sector, including practical training, unemployment, the unified allowances regulation and the civil servants regulation.

The president said that such problems have a big impact on the engineers and stressed the need for finding solutions to them. He praised the ministry's efforts in the field of training newly graduated engineers. gineers Association and pledged saying that it helps the engineering sector not only in Jordan but eration to serve the best interests

Mr. Srour said the ministry directed special attention to the engineering training program-

On the unemployment prob-

lem, the minister said that it was a

nation-wide dilemma which

affected every sector. He called for intensifying all efforts to face this problem. The minister admitted there were shortcomings and gaps in the regulation regarding the civil

to further consolidate such coop-

servants and called for reconsidering it in order to achieve the best public interests of all sectors. The minister stressed the need for forging closer cooperation between the ministry and the En-

The minister then visited the Jordanian Contractors Association, where he met with the president and members of the board.

problems facing the contractors' sector by the association's presi-The president called for solving some of the issues which are still

Mr. Srour was briefed on the

unresolved by the ministry and for giving priority to local contractors when carrying out projects in the country.

Mr. Srour said that his ministry was doing its best to support and develop the contractors' sector in Jordan, considering its important contribution in pushing the wheel of the Jordanian economy for-

PSD to open registration centres for visitors to occupied Arab territories

AMMAN (Petra) - The Public Security Department (PSD) reopens the travellers' registration centres today, following the congestion the two bridges on the Jordan River have recently ex-

The centres will start registering people wishing to travel to the occupied Arab territories over King Hussein bridge as of Ang. II, while registration for those wishing to leave over Prince Mohammad bridge will begin Aug. 12.

The PSD called on people wishing to travel to Jerusalem and Hebron governorates to register at Arwa Bint Al Hareth School, in Jabai Amman. Gazans wishing to cross the bridges should register at Ayseh Um Moumineen school in Jabai Hus-

Travellers to Nablus Governorate have to register at Amnah Bint Sahb School on Jabal Am-

People wishing to cross to the and schools.

ernorates other than Amman can register at special centres that will be opened at police departments

Conference calls for strengthening Islamic ties

Foreign Minister Abdullah Ensour called on Arab and Muslim nations to forget the events of the past, particularly the Gulf crisis, and stressed the need for learning lessons from such events lo avoid

their recurrence in the future. In a telephone interview with Dr. Ensour, who is now attending the Organisation of Islamic Conference Foreign Ministers' meeting being held here, he said he

ISTANBUL (Petra) - Jordanian had emphasised, during bis talks with his counterparts, the need for creating an effective mechanism to contain such crises and avoid their escalation.

> Dr. Ensour said that the Gulf crisis still casts its shadow on the

meetings and that all participating delegations worked hard to prevent any polarisations that are designed to enhance divisions among the Muslim nations.

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Freedom is not one-way street

THE KIDNAPPING of the French national, Jerome Leyraud, in Beirut Thursday, the same day Britain's John McCarthy was freed from captivity, can be easily described as a conspiracy to sabotage the hostage-release process, as indeed the Lebanese were saying yesterday. The new kidnapping can also be seen as a blow to the efforts of the Lebanese government to reestablish order and security in the country after so many years of civil strife, bloody war and hostage taking.

As U.S. President George Bush put it Aug. 7, there is a needless cruelty to hostage holders and their actions, especially when they play the game of "imminent releases" and do not deliver. But the issue goes beyond just the Western hostages held in Lebanon, since there are many Lebanese and Palestinians held hostage in Israel in direct connection with the Westerners and a number of Israelis held hy the Islamic Jihad group, and thousands of other Palestinians held in Israeli jails for no reason than standing up to the occupation of their humeland and repressive practices against their fellow countrymen.

The problem of Western hostages, needless to say, goes

beyond the borders of Lebanon.

Iran has a big role in it, since the Islamic Republic has had a score to settle with the West. However, it was mostly the Arab-Lebanese Shiites, long the underdog in pro-Western, pre-war Lebanon, who ultimately took it on themselves to wage the battle against the West in Beirut and the Israelis in the south of Lebanon. In the process hundreds of Palestinians and Shiite Lebanese ended up in Israeli detention camps. Shiite leaders were kidnapped by the Israelis from their homes. Furthermore the Shiites have claimed that those kidnapped were spies. This could be totally false, as many of the hostages are long-time friends of the Arabs and their causes. The West, especially the U.S., are the strategic allies of Israel. The Americans provide Israel with the funds to sustain its survival, with the weapons that guarantee it an edge over the Arabs and with political cover that enable it to deny the Palestinians and the Lebanese their rights. The hostages, as fellow human beings, all have our sympathy. They should be released without delay. Likewise, hostages in Israeli jails should also he released. The much sought-after peace in the region cannot be a nne-way street. Confidence-building measures should he enhanced from all directions. If any, the strong and mighty should take the initiative. The West in particular should put enough pressure on Israel to start releasing the Palestinians and the Lebanese held in Israeli jails as a precursor to releasing all other hostages.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

FAILURE on the part of the Islamic foreign ministers conference to reach a consensus over the need for lifting the embargo on Iraq should not deter the Arab countries from embarking on an initiative of their own to end the sufferings of the Iraqi people, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily Friday. It is unreasonable to see the year-old Gulf crisis still adversely affecting Arab and Islamic relations, and it is unacceptable to see the Arabs resigned to their fate of divisions and in total disarray at a time when the Israelis and the Americans continued to concert their plans with regard to the Gulf issue and the Middle East problem the daily said. A call hy Foreign Minister Abdullah Ensour on the Islamic countries to join hands and end differences and save the Palestinian and Iraqi people reflected an earlier call several months ago by His Majesty King Hussein who said Jordan was opening its arms for the Arab countries and turning a new leaf in inter-Arab relations, the paper noted. There is an urgent need for the Arab countries to meet now and end the process of starving the Iraqi people and there is an urgent need for the Arabs to meet and discuss their next move in the face of the ongoing Middle East peace efforts, the paper stressed. It said that nothing can be achieved in the interest of the Arab countries in the absence of coordination of stands and solidarity in the true sense of the word.

Al Dustour daily criticised the Western nations for condoning Turkey's military operations inside Iraqi territory in pursuit of Kurdish rebels. Such attitude on the part of the Western capitals is a moral scandal for the statesmen of the West and for the Western forces which are stationed a few miles from the fields of operations, the paper said. While the Western countries brag about their concern over the Kurdish people's rights and justify their presence in Iraqi territory on that assumption, they allow the Turks not only to invade a neighbouring country, but also to attack Kurdish camps and their residents who are supposedly under Western protection, the paper noted. Many people in the West and the East had thought that the presence of the Western forces in northern Iraq was a manifestation of the Western nations' concern over the fate of the Kurds, but are now disillusioned when they see the Western forces paving the ground for the Turkish assault, the paper continued. The Turkish air raids on the Kurds and the continuing ground attacks on the Kurdish strongholds expose the truth about the Western nations real intentions and emphasise the fact that the West is adopting a double standard policy in all matters and in a way that can best

Feeding democracy

CAN democracy put food on our tables? Apparently not. according to research conducted on the links between democracy and economic growth. The research has turned up scant evidence that democracy can support or accelerate the process of wealth creation. The only casualty, in fact, exists in the other direction. Rising standards of living intensify demands for increased liberties while poverty breeds intolerance and paves the way for authoritarianism. Thus the dual nature of the challenge facing the government: economic growth, which must be considered as the number one economic objective, has to be pursued both for its own sake and in order to preserve democracy, a long-cherished political objective. This is a clear vindication for the argument that Jordan's economic and political issues are fundamentally intertwined and must be treated inseparably by means of the wider percepts of political economy and within the guidelines of a clear overall

policy.
This argument has been made repeatedly and forcefully at the highest levels in Jordan. Yet, successive governments have continued to produce jaded renditions of the laundry list that passes for a governmental manifesto: a collection of often contradictory statements, each prepared separately by the relevant ministry, and an assortment of wishful proclamations that makes fitting reading only for Santa Claus. Lacking coberent policies and armed with no more than a trite and fragmented agenda, governments then proceed to tackle cases and problems as they spring up and to find quick and simple solutions for them in light of the day's mood, while longterm problems continue to fester and become more in-

tractable than ever. There is cause for guarded optimism, however, as the new generation politicians take over the cahinet posts, replacing cliquism with party politics and bringing fresh enthusiastic vigor to where cynicism often prevailed. And although the manifesto and early statements of the new cabinet offer little relief from short-termism. the manner by which Prime Minister Taher Masri has chosen the members of his cabinet and the speedy revival of the Economic Advisory Council betray the man's commitment to open and impartial government and his willingness tn draw upon the experience-and knowledge of the best in

Paradoxically, feeding democracy with economie growth can be made a doubly cumbersome task by democracy itself, simply because many of the right growth policies are no vote-getters. Therefore, it will take a determined selfassured cabinet (and a progressive central bank) to pursue long-term policies despite numerous short-term hazards. On paper, the present government looks very capable of following such a path. With almost nn hidden skeletons in its collective closet, and featuring some stalwart free marketeers in the kcy economic posts, this government should

have no problem facing up to

Parliament and even converting its members, who are clearly not versed in economic affairs, to the teachings of market-based economics.

The success or failure of the government will hinge on the speedy implementation of effective growth policies that may bear fruit loog after present ministers have vacated their seats. Undoubtedly, the government will waste no time in putting together detailed and comprehensive sets of policies that will serve as a rigid guidelines for present and future cabinets. These policies will be based on relevant and proven models and will prononnce economic growth as the overriding national priority, subordinating all other objectives and considerations to it. They will not be mere excerpts from IMF and World Bank memorandums but rather the product of intensive brain-storming sessions involving ministers, general secretaries, department heads as well as members of the Economic Advisory Council.

Once these policies have been understood and approved by the entire cabinet, certain ministers will no longer feel the urge to splash the front pages with their own heroic, panacean measures, which make them sound like alchemists on the election trails, but will instead communicate government's policies to the public. They will address the essence of our economic malaise and not the symptoms, replacing clever "solutions" with hardnosed reforms. Never again, for example, will we hear of solutions for unemployment

that are bound to aggravate the problem in the long-run, but will hear instead about reforms designed to expand the economy and its uses of productive resources. Concepts like selfsufficiency, which can he achieved in both riches and poverty, will be dropped from on economic jargon in favour of such things as increased production, higher productivity, and improved competitive-

ness of exports. In implementation, the government will be tough and uncompromisiong, heeding neither the calls of special interest groups nor the temptation of patronage. It will take a hard look at the size and efficacy of the public sector and then put in motion a radical restructuring designed to produce a lean and responsive hureaucracy whose main role is to support economie activities rather than generate them. The government will recognise that no easy solutions exist for complex and intractable problems.
Only drastic surgery will be prescribed for ehronie and structural defects.

It is never easy to do the right thing and not receive acclaim for it. But then the high office was never meant to be anything other than a heavy moral burden. The race for economie growth is a race against time and other hard working nations. At stake is nothing less than the future prosperity of our children. So the highest reward a public servant can receive for all his tough decisions is the satisfaction of knowing that be has given his children and their playmates a fighting chance for a better future,

Letter From Geneva

New grounds covered at Geneva human rights panel

By Waleed Sadi GENEVA — The 43rd session world and to internal relaof the U.N. Human Rights tions. subcommission on the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities commenced its meeting here Sunday with a big bang. The newly elected chairman of the human rights group, Mr. Louis Joinet. a French national, threw a-bombshell at his opening speech when he announced a series of policy measures that he intended to take in order to make the subcommission more effective and relevant. This immediately drew strong reac-

Joinet had just introduced be-

the human rights field and a very devout believer in the organ will surely receive supconvictions. The speech of Mr. Jan Martenson, the U.N. undersecretary general for human rights at the starting session also contained many thought-provoking ideas that promise to stimulate the thinking of the committee and ener-

"In the aftermath of the military action (in the Gulf)," Mr. Martenson said," concrete steps were taken to protect human rights including the right to life of vulnerable groups in that same area."
"These humanitarian initia-

man rights."

about Mr. Martenson's statement is that it was linked with the events of the Gulf crisis and not to other areas where tions from the members of the subcommission who insisted on reflecting more on the new and revolutionary ideas that Mr.

fore they could be adopted. The new policy guidelines would streamline the agenda of the committee and combine issues under one heading. He also took issue with the U.S. position that the committee has grown to be redundant and may have to be phased ont if it did not stick to its original mandate which is to establish standards for human rights instead of turning into a mini-U.N. general assembly where every subject under the sun is discussed. The controversies that have already been introduced to this session will surely make this year's meetings a turning point in the evolution of this U.N. human rights

Mr. Joinet is an old hand in cause. His endeavours to transform the subcommission into a more dynamic human rights port and understanding from the members who share his gise the dehate in it.

tives," he went on to say, "demonstrated once again that a state does not have an unfer-tered right to treat its people as only it sees fit." From that proposition, the U.N. undersecretary general deduced that "it is clear that international prerogative of states can no longer be separated from their responsibilities to respect hu-

"One thing has emerged from the events of this year," he concluded, "a reaffirmation of the importance of human rights to the peoples of the

Of course in this context the U.N. undersecretary general did not break any new grounds, since it is well established in human rights jurisprudence that state sovereignty is no longer accepted as a pretext for refusing the perusal of the human rights record of any state. What is possibly new

> human rights issues are also figuring highly. Iraq is once again earmarked for extensive dehate on its human rights record in this forum as well. Lacking friends and supporters, Baghdad is illprepared to defend itself yet again before this U.N. organ.

The human rights situation in the occupied territories will surely be discussed and dealt with in a rather routinish manner as has been the case year in and year out. The responsibility for this undramatic treatment of Palestinian human rights lies with the Arab spokesmen whose interventions are usually low key and

Meanwhile, the Dutch dele-

gate to the meetings of the

working group on contempor-

ary forms of slavery - child prostitution, child labour, women trafficking, sale of children for organ transplants purposes and other related issues - continued to defend her government tolerance of prostitution. Based on the principle of self-determination, she said, women in the exercise of their right to self-determination have a right to engage in pros-titution or exploitation. This marks the first time ever in the anal of the U.N. system that the principle of self-determination has been invoked in such situations and as pretext to legalise prostitution under "voluntary conditions."

What was even more asto-nishing to hear at the session of. this working group is the shocking revelations made possible hy several non-governmental groups (NGOs) that millions of women are being trafficked from one part of the developing world to the other and beyond for prostitution purposes. Even more horning to hear was the disclosure that thousands of children from developing countries get traffick-ed to developed countries in order to remove their organs for Western countries recipients. Such charges have yet to be established but the reports that thousands of Brazihan children have ended up in Europe for this purpose is drawing much demand for closer examination and investigation by the U.N. system and the Interpol

The Week in Print

Peace process under fire

PEACE in the Middle East, the Islamic foreign ministers meeting and domestic issues were the dominant topics in last week's daily newspapers in

Discussing Jordan's participation in the coming peace negotiations, columnist Fahd Al Fanck said that all the Arah countries have agreed to enter into negotiations with Israel with the purpose of regaining sovereignty over the usurped Arab lands and it is Israel which is dragging its feet to the conference because it is in a position to impose its will on the others.

He said Jordan cannot but accept the concept of negotiating with Israel along with the other Arab parties because to refuse negotiations means isolating the Kingdom from the rest of the world. He said that Jordan cannot commit political and national suicide by refusing talks that might lead to an end to the long-standing con-flict in the region. Without participating in the coming peace negotiations, the writer noted, Jordan would be leaving to the others the matter of shaping up the future of the region.

A guest columnist in Al Ra'i said that there can be no peace without the participation of the (PLO) which represents the Palestinian people and there can be no success for the coming negotiations if Israel persisted in implementing its settlement programmes and refuses to recognise the Palestinian people's rights.

Ziyad Abu Mahfouz, a Muslim Brotherhood member of the Lower House of Partiament, said that the coming negotiations will elearly be under the hegemony of the American-Israeli alliance and the Arabs will be in a weak position only accepting what will be dictated to them. Under such circumstances the outcome of the peace negotiations will be a recipe for disaster for the Middle East since the Arabs cannot demand and get their legitimate rights, the wri-

ter noted.

The writer's views were backed by Tareq Masarweh, the leading columnist in Al Ra'i daily who said that "we will be deceiving ourselves if we believe that a peace conference can be staged without the Palestinians." Without the Palestinians and their representatives, there can be no success for the peace process but what can ensue is another Camp David accord, said the columnist. He urged the Palestinians to hold on to their rights in the land and in the process of representation at

Fakhri Kawar, a columnist who writes for Al Ra'i daily said that as long as there was democracy in this country, people have the right to air their views with regard to political stands affecting their future. He said that the Arah regimes are in a weak position and can only snecumh to Washington's wishes of entering into negotiations with Israel which will attain its selfish ambitions from the coming conference

The writer, a democratic member of the Lower House, said that the man in the street should be in a position to voice his views clearly with regard to the coming conference and should be able to say whether the conference would achieve the aspired peace and security for the future generations.

This gloomy view about the coming conference is reflected also in an article hy Arafat Hijazi who writes for Sawt Al Shaab daily. The writer said that no one believes that Israel is working for peace and all that is happening now is that which clearly indicates Israel's total confidence that the Arabs are capitulating and have no power after the crushing of the Iraqi military power. In Israel, people and politicians alike be-lieve that all the Arabs have been defeated with the defeat of Iraq and they believe that any peace should be in the Israeli style, serving Israeli in-

terests, the writer noted. For this reason, he said, the Israelis are making demands with regard to the representation of the Palestinian people and are demanding that Jerusalem is not subject to negotia-

tions. A columnist in Al Dustour daily reflected on the pitiable Arah situation and said that the Palestine question has been forgotten by the Arah regimes for a long time and those Arahs who colluded with Western nations against Iraq bear a major share of the responsibility for the present

Mnna Shukair said that the coming peace negotiations are to be held in the absence of a strategic balance between the Arabs and Israel and at a time when the Western forces are stationed on many parts of Arab land and the Iraqi military power crushed. A big share of the responsibility for the present disarray in Arab ranks hes with those Arah leaders still mingling among us and still collaborating with the American and other Western forces to strike against Iraq, the writer noted.

Not a single voice came out

from the Gulf reginn in defence of Jerusalem and the rights of the Palestinian people, neither did we hear an official veice from Egypt demanding that America stop its atrocities against Iraq and the Palestinians, the writer added.

Turning to the Islamic foreign ministers meeting in Istanbel, columnist Abdul Rahim Omar said that it was painful to see the foreign ministers of the Islamic countries helping the Western nations tighten the noose around the Iraqi people who are facing death and starvation. The writer said that the Istanbul meeting reflects the same ideas of the United States which had been imposing an embargo on the Iraqi

people.
When the U.S. imposed the blockade, it did that while realising that all those countries surrounding Iraq are Islamie countries on which it can count to implement its desires and strangle the Muslims of Iraq, said the writer. He said that Washington has realised that Arab-Islamic relations were so weak that it can easily impose its will on any of them and on them altogether at any

For Salameh Ekour, a columnist in Sawt Al Shaah daily. the Istanbul meeting constituted a second test for the Islamic regimes which represent hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world. The first test came during the Gulf crisis when the Islamie countries failed to support an Islamic country and chose instead to side by the aggressors. said Ekour. Now the Muslim countries have a chance to stop further sufferings in Iraq and can lift the embargo imposed on the Iraqi people. This is a second test for the Islamic countries, and Muslims around the world can only watch and judge on the results, the writer added.

Turning attention to dones-tic issues in Jordan, a guest columnist in Al Ra'i daily focused attention on the fatility of setting up more universities in the country at a time when the courses they give do not serve the needs of the labour market and when everybody realises that the graduates can only increase the problem of unemployment.

About Ration Melhas said, that the base of this imper number of universities and community colleges does not augur well for the future, partly because these institutions were set up by businessmen who formed share-holding companies determined to

make profit regardless of the nature of service they offer to the public, and partly because a large number of universitytrained people will not find work. The writer proposed the creation of a vocational training university instead of the numerous academic universities, with the purpose of creating a generation of men and women capable of building a

Columnist Fahd Al Fanek focused attention on the return to Jordan from the Gulf region of 270,000 Jordanians and Palestinians and the arrival in the country of 130,000 Iragis. He said that the presence of an additional 400,000 people in Jordan which has very meagre resources is a beavy hurden on the national economy and the Jordanian people themselves. Only a minority of the returnees possesses large sums of money to start businesses and production projects while the rest have nothing and no skills. the writer noted.

He said that Israel gets \$100,000 for each settler from the Western nations, while Jordan is getting nothing for the absorption of this large number of extra people.

A columnist in Sawt Al Shaah daily drew attention to the fact that governmentowned cars with red licence plates were not being used solely to offer services to the government, but rather to offer services to senior government officials. He said that in the absence of strict controls by the police and the Audit Bareau such cars continue to operate at well long after office hours have ended and specially at might.

are often seen at the start of the scholastic year transporting children of senior officials to school and back and such cars are also used to transport directors in the ministers' office and secretaries in the ministry home and to work. He demanded stricter government control over the use of government vehicles to rationalise energy consumption and to safeguard public interest.

Nazih Qusous said such cars

A columnist in Sawt Al Shaah daily focused attention on the restaurants and hotels in Ionism Hese days the country accessed reserves hundreds of thousands of expatriates and vacationers filling hotels and restaurants and desptie a fixed rate set by the Ministry of Supply, most of the restaurants and food shops continue to exploit the visitors.



Afghan process progressing slowly

KABUL (Agencies) - Efforts to reach a political solution to the 13-year-old Afahan civil war are showly making progress, according to a United Nations envoy. I remain optimistic that

irrespective of any setback, the process is moving forward irreversibly." Benon Sevan, the U.N. secretary-general's personal rep-resentative on Afghanistan, sold reporters.

"It is still however, a slow process," he said after an overnight stay in Kabul where he met President Najibullah and officials of his Soviet-backed government. He did not elaborate.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar proposed a fivepoint peace plan in May which envisages a ceasefire and a transitional administration leading to

Some radical guerrilla parties have rejected the plan.

: Most guerrilla parties, which met Pakistani and Iranian officials in Islamabad late last month, agreed the plan could serve as a possible basis for a settlement and decided to seek clarifications.
The next tripartite meeting is

set for Aug. 27-29 in Tehran. U.N. sources in Kabul said the main obstacle to progress was a psychological barrier among the Mujahedsen guerrillas to talks with Mr. Najibullah or members of his govenment and ruling talks with Mr. Najibullah or members of his government and ruling

Watan Party. Almost all guerrilla parties publicly refuse to talk to Mr. Najibullah. But some guerrilla leaders have secretly met Mr. Najibuliah's representatives in re-cent months, Western diplomats and guerrilla sources have said.

No details of Mr. Sevan's talks in Kabul were available. The talks were mainly to consider the options available and to assess the scope for compromise, the

U.N. sources said. Mr. Sevan is expected to return to Kabul in late August or early September, they said.

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A guerrille commander was killed by a rocket while fighting government forces in eastern Afghanistan, guerrilla sources in

Pakistan said Thursday, They said commander Ziarat Gul of the Ittehad-I-Islami guerrilla party was killed and four of his comrades were wounded Wednesday at Surkhakan as government forces tried to open the blocked highway between the capital Kabul and the main eastern town of Jalalabad.

Intense fighting has raged in the area since last week when the Mujahedeen guerrillas said they had blocked the Kabul-Jalalabad highway as a prelude to an assault on Jalalabad itself.

Afghan authorities said Wednesday their forces had killed 13 Saudi supporters of the rebels in battles on the highway

on Tuesday.

Kabul and the Western-backed guerrillas have both claimed victories in the recent battles.

Afghan robel news services Thursday reported exchange of beavy artillery fire between the two sides around Jalalabad and the nearby Darunta and Samarkhel areas.

Hostage crisis tentacles reach far from Lebanon

THE HAGUE (AP) - The web ensuaring Western hostages in Lebanon extends to Shiite Muslim prisoners beld by Germany, Palestinians detained by Israel and a decadeold financial dispute between Iran and the United States.

British journalist John McCarthy, freed Thursday after five years of captivity in Lebanon, said he carried a letter from his captors. Islamic Jihad, proposing an exchange of all Western and Lebanese hostages and prisoners held in Lebanon and Israel. The letter was to be delivered to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez

The hostage issue was elouded further Thursday when an underground group daimed it had kidnapped a Frenchman in Lebanon to portest Mr. McCarthy's release, and would execute him if more hostages were freed.

The claim seemed to signal a split between those hostagetaking groups in Beirut who seek to end the crisis and hardliners who want to bold onto the captives until they can achieve freedom for Arab detainees held by Israel.

Israel says it is willing to release the approximately 375 Lebanese prisoners beld in Israel or by its South Lebanon Army (SLA) surrogates in southern Lebanon. But it demands the release of seven Israeli servicemen missing in

Lebanon since 1982. The Lebanese held by Israel include Sheikh Abdul Kanim Obeid. a Shiite clerie kidnapped by Israeli agents in Lebanon in 1989 as a bargaining chip to obtain the release of the seven Israelis.

Uotil now, Islamic Jihad's demands also have included the release of an estimated 10,000 Palestininas detained in the occupied territories for anti-Israeli resistance. Israel has flatly rejected this.

The Israeli political scene still echoes from the 1985 exchange of 1,550 Palestinian detainees for three Israeli cap-

The trade evoked wide-

(Continued from page I)

Foreign Minister Safa Giray Thurs-

Turkish forces had advanced Iu

day said Turkey would aphold Iraq's

(Continued from page 1)

Security sources, speaking on condition of anonymiry, said Mr.

Leyraud did not put up any resistance while he was being led to a waiting

It was the first abduction of a

Westerner in Beirut since Oct. 1989.

Foreigners had begun to trickle back,

and Germans in Beirut said their

embassy told them not to go out at

night and to keep in close touch with

friends. The German and other West-

ern embassies refused to confirm if

any security precautions were

yesterday was an assassination of

peace in Beirut and an abduction of

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"Jerome Leyraud's abduction

at 6:30 p.m. (1530 GMT).

Talabani: Jordan is an example

New abduction seen to delay

spread grassroots criticism as being disproportionate, and it has been claimed that the freed Palestinians became the core of the intifada.

But Israel's military credo is to do everything possible to obtain the release of its own captured soldiers.

Israel's chief hostage expert, senior defence ministry official Uri Lubrani, believes that Iran will not intervene in the hostage issue unless it gets something in return.

Another conflict stems from Iran's demand that assets held by the United States be released before it will pressure the kidnappers assumed to bold most Western hostnges in Lebanon.

U.S. officials at the fran-United States claims tribunal in the Hague contend that Washington no longer holds the billions of dollars in francan assets it froze in the wake of the 1979 U.S. embassy seizure in Tehran.

The only major issues still outstanding before the arbitration panel are Iranian elaims for weaponry and other military equipment belonging to or ordered by Iran before its 1979 revolution, the officials say.

Iran has set the value of those claims at \$12 billion, a figure Washington discounts as highly inflated.

Most of the 12 Westerners still missing in Lebanon - six Americans, three Britons, two Germans and an Italian - are believed held by pro-Iranian groups like Islamie Jihad. On July 19, Islamic Jihad

issued a veiled threat against the two Germans, warning of "grave consequences" unless Lebanese Mohammad and Abbas Hamadi were freed from German cells. Islamie Jihad accused the German goverament of lorturing the Hamadis.

On July 24, a group calling itself Holy Warriors for Freedom, also believed composed of pro-Iranian Shiites, threatened "extremely negative action" unless Germany provided details on the condi-tion of the Hamadis,

kilometres; into northern Iraq Thurs-

day, a senior military officer said. The

border post last Sunday in which nine

the joy that has prevaited in Berrut," said Mr. Kharib.

interior ministry there was a clue in the case but would not disclose what

it was, beyond saying the situation resulted from a battle "between in-

telligence agencies" and "Lehanon was the victim."

Jean Porrini, the vice president of Doctors of the World, flew into Beirut Friday.

We shall contact the civilian and military authorities as well as the

French embassy," Mr. Pornni said in

Fifteen Frenchmen previously were

laken hostage in Lebanon. One died

in captivity and the last three were

an airport statement.

freed in May 1988.

"We have no information so far.

He told a news conference at the

Playing peacemaker in Gaza

mental disabilities caused by liv-

ing conditions - overpopulation,

lack of basic needs, malnutrition

There are also the wounded of

or prenatal trauma.

the Shawwa family, Ali.

Gaza to help handicapped people

begin to live a normal life. The

houses in the camps don't have

around. In addition many of the

young wounded won't come to

see us because they are ashamed

to be seen in such a condition and

artificial limb that they can't pay

munity feels it owes them. The

job was filled by Nago Humbert, a consultant to the World Health

Organisation, for whom the ex-

perience was an awakening. "In-

itially," he wrote, "the idea of

GAZA STRIP - Even if a Mideast peace conference is finally convened, will it come in time to save a people marked by 40 years of repression and dire poverty? While the diplomatic world, braced by Syria's acceptanee of the conference, was trying to coax Israel to the negotiating table, Palestinians in the occupied territories had little to rejoice about. More land is being seized by the Israeli government, and violence continues.

On the terrace of the Beach Club in Gaza, looking out at the silvery sea and a deserted beach, a group of young people talk. "Today at Khan Younes we had to sweat to keep a 12-year-old from being arrested," says one. The soldiers were advised that it would be better to let him go, that there would be violence if they insisted on detaining him."

"But one of the Israeli was young, a raw recruit, he didn't want to hear anything," adds a young woman. "A crowd began to gather... he really (clt the beat," continues the first speaker, "Finally his superior arrived and smoothed things over. They took the kid away, but he doesn't have an ID yet so they'll release him tonight.

The young men and women sitting around the table drinking beer could be taken for affluent youth whose only worry was where to end the evening. In fact before getting up at 5 a.m. the next morning to face other lifethreatening challenges, they drive home through streets stilled by curlew, protected somewhat by the United Nations sign painted on the side of their vehicle.

No one knows life in the refugee camps better than these U.N. refugee affairs officers. Every day, driving around in constant radio contact with their chief, they tour the eight overcrowded camps in the Gaza Strip, always there when things start to heat up between the refugees and the Israeli army, stepping in sometimes physically to prevent acts of violence, trying if at all possible to prevent the soldiers from overreacting when they are ready to lash out too forcefully at victims who are 100 weak. The work of the young U.N. volunteers has trained them to avoid mixing personal feelings with the job. They only allow themselves a hint of disgust when they hear about children badly heaten, unarmed demonstrators systematically wounded in the legs, and the soldiers' violent intrusions in the middle of the night in the huts in which perhaps 10 or 15 Palestinian refugees are crammed. Any excuse will do: a search for a 'terrorist," a simple request to check identity papers.

On the table at the Beach Club a two-way radio begins to crackle: Volunteers are required to go to the Khan Younes camp, where a volatile situation has developed. Two officers rush to their vehicle and drive off into the night. Their presence is the only protection that the camps' inhabitants have against the daily violence of the occupation, but the outside world knows little about

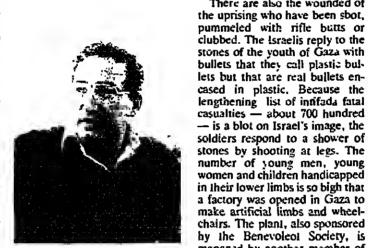
it. They have no authority and sometimes just being there keeps the worst from happening. Their status as U.N. officials does not protect them from being exposed to physical and werbal abuse. J., English, had his thumh broken by an Israeli soldier. R., Spanish,

Italian, had guns pointed at him several time, and soldiers demolished his car with clubs, R., Austrian, is recovering from a stab wound in the neck. D., Polish, had to endure an exhibitionist display by an Israeli soldier. The soldiers act in the knowledge that they will not be punished

"It's the nighttime raids that cause the greatest damage," says-Dr. Iyad Serraj, director of the Gaza Centre for Mental Health. The stress caused is almost unbearable, and it affects adults as well as children. The children are, of course, the most vulner-Mary Khass, who organises

children's classes sponsored by a joint U.N.-Quaker Mission proect, has seen children crazy with fear. "The children in the campa live in terror of an Israeli 'sweep'. A sweep in which, under the best of circumstances, a family member will be beaten or arrested. when the whole family is not roughed up," she explains, "Childien are the silent and terrified witnesses to this violence, and little by little they become, in lurn, the seeds of more violence and instability. You can see it in their play, where they imitate the adults who terrorise them and the abnormal situation that they can't adjust to. You can see it in their behaviour which goes from extreme aggressiveness to apathy, in their reactions to sudden noise. in the instinctive gestures of selfprotection when someone approaches too quickly, in the loss of appetite, the nightmares that they have."

"There are countless cases of bedwetting and nighttime panic," comments Dr. Serraj, "and they occur in children as well as adults. These are in addition to the



Ivad Serrai

psychological disorders that afflict a high proportion of adults who, having been physically traumatised, enter a process of victimisation that can last for years. These people truly suffer, because their trauma is repeated

Dr. Serraj also mentions cases of speech impairment or mental illness stemming from the same cause. "Further," he states. "one of the direct results of the Israeli violence in the camps is the violence that the Palestinians inflict on themselves: aggressiveness caused by frustration and impotent rage finds an outlet in various criminal acts, flaunting all forms of authority, including parental authority, and finally, suicide.

In addition to those who are victimised by fear and stress are the countless numbers of people

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A young boy wounded by Israeli "plastic" bullets run by the United Nations Relief and receives treatment at a rehabilitation centre in Gaza who have been physically injured sending a mental health consulduring the confrontations in the tant into an area where there is Gaza Strip, Here, too, children daily violence and there are no are the first victims. "A very high surgeons, anesthetists or number of children suffer from radiologists seemed inappropricerebral palsy because their ate." Later, in contact with the mothers were exposed to tear gas Palestinian reality, where "the when they were pregnant," says personal experience is at the crossroads of the historic experi-Jerry Shawwa, a young American married to a Palestinian. She has ence." and where "physical sufplunged into refuzee work sponfering hides a much deeper sored by the Benevolent Society wound," explains Dr. Humbert, for the Gaza Strip, founded by the importance of his role became her husband's family. In the obvious to him. "The suffering of Child Development Centre which the Palestinians in the occupied she directs. Ms. Shawwa has territories is not measured by found that one child in 20 suffers instant photos of violence between the child stone-throwers from malformation or develop-

> exclusion, repression, loss, misery, separation and death." To try to explain the festering wound of the refugee camps with-

and the soldier-guardians of the establishment. This is only the tip

of the iceberg; it obscures the

true suffering, the psychosomatic

effects of 40 years of wandering,

in the context of a modern, civilised nation, Dr. Serraj turns to psychiatry. "The Jewish culture is full of psychopathologies," he says, "To understand Israel one must examine the history of the Jewish people, a history of persecution and suffering... their feat is transformed into a paranois in which everyone and evervihing that is not Jewish is potentially against the Jew and probably at some point will attempt to attack and destroy them. Zionist theories contain the message of the birth of the new Jew, the victorious one... Hatred of the Nazis has led them to identify with the Nazis and to act the same way toward us. It's the same pattern that you see when a child is abused by his father and then later he himself becomes an abuser. That is how the cycle of hate and violence is perpetuated." — World News Link.



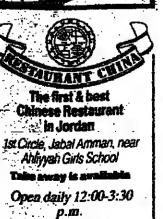
In the factory operated by the Benevolent Society, workers inspect an artificial limb. The plant, which also makes wheelchairs, was opened to meet the needs of the large number of men, women, and children whose legs have been injured by Israeli builets. (WNL)

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Cuban beats U.S. fighter in Pan Am boxing match

EAVANA (R) — The long-anticipated first brawl between the United States and Cuba in the boxing competition at the Pan American Games ended with the J.S. boxer on the seat of his unks.

At least symbolically, that's where the United States has been for most of the games which end on Aug. 18.

Facing possibly losing its title as top medals winner, boxing is one of the key areas where the U.S. may still be able to make up the difference in a medals shortfall which on the sixth day of the gomes leaves them 20 golds behind Cuba.

The U.S.-Cuba matchup --- the second of eight fights on the night was a light flyweight contest between Rogelio Marcelo of Cuba and Bradley Martinez.

Martinez, hit by four unanswered lefts in the opening seconds of the bout, looked baffled by fighting a southpaw.

He tried to pick off the lefthanded punches but Marcelo always swarming over his opponent - landed almost at will and dropped Martinez, 21, with a short left hook to the head with about 45 seconds left in the first round.

Referee David Sandoval of Mexico immediately stopped the fight and ran over to take Marunez's mouthpiece out.

The 3500 crowd, many waving cardboard hand fans in the sweltering heat, greeted the in-troduction of their fighter with a roar. When the referee stopped the fight, the crowd exploded. waving Cuban flags while the national festive beat of a rhumba blared through the arena.

"I hit him with a short left," Marcelo, 26, said, "He had his defence. It wasn't as easy as it looked, but I had him on the detensive.

Kenny Loehr, the head coach of the U.S. boxing team, said, "The Cubans are the best in the norld, but (Niartinez) coulon't get going. He let the guy take over from the start ... Martinez was surprised and shocked. He's never knocked down before (in 130

Everything happened so

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) -

Goran Proic and Goran Iva-

nisevic, ranked 16th and 19th on

the ATP tour, say they may not

play for Yugoslavia in the coun-

try's Davis Cup semifinal match

The two players are Croats, and their breakaway republic is

engaged in armed conflict with

Yugoslav federal forces as well as

fighters from the neighbouring

BUDAPEST (R) - Austrian

Gerhard Berger snatched pro-

visional pole position away from

McLaren team mate Ayrton Sen-

na in the last seconds of Friday's

qualifying session for the Hunga-

rian Grand prix motor race Sun-

from the moment he ended his

first qualifying run, but was pip-

ped by Berger's late ourst.

Senna's 1:18.549.

Senna had held pole position

Berger's time of one minute

18.238 seconds, at an average

speed of 183kph, was outside the

igainst France in late September.

quick," said Martinez.
"He hits pretty hard. The gloves here are pretty small. It's like getting hit with a bare fist.

He came out right away. He

didn't waste any time. Meanwhile an ugly brawl be-tween Canadian and Mexican baseball players soured the mood of the Pan-American Games Thursday, overshadowing glittering sprint double victories by local Cuban heroine Liliana Allen and Brazil's Robson Caeta-

no da Silva. Allen, whose striking looks and flowing black hair have made her a darling of the home crowd, crowned her 100 metres gold win Monday with an emphatic win in the 200 metres.

Lanky Brazilian Caetano da Silva followed suit in the men's 200 metres to claim the men's prestigious sprint double.

Allen's win was double sweet for hosts Cuba, racing away at the head of the medals table with 50 golds after six days of competition. The U.S. trailed bebind with 28 gold medals and Canada followed with seven.

But the impressive athletics performances, noisily acclaimed by the Olympic Stadium crowd, could not wipe away the bad taste left by the mass brawl that earlier cut short a crucial baseball qualifying game between Canada and

Canada's assistant coach John Upham was taken to hospital with a suspected heart attack, Mexican coach Antonio Pollorena was cut in the face and Canadian pitcher David Krug recevied a possible broken nose in the five-minute free-for-all involving players, officials and

coaches from both sides. Umpires and blue-uniformed Cuban police piled in to separate the brawlers in what was the first incident of its kind in the Aug. 2-18 games in Cuba and one of the worst ever seen in 40 years of Pan-American Games history,

After the kicks and blows, the two delegations traded accusations. Mexican officials said Canadian catcher Alex Andreopoulos provoked batter Alberto VArgas with racial insults, while the Canadians said a

"As things look now, I will not

play for this kind of Yugoslavia,"

Ivanisevic told the Croatian daily

its athletes to retrain from partici-

pating on Yugoslavia national

teams io protest against alleged

"federal and Serbian aggression"

against the second-largest Yugos-

Croatia last Thursday advised

Ivenisevic, Prpic may not play for Yugoslavia

republic of Serbia.

newsaper Vjesnik.

bat was used against their players in the fight.

U.S. umpire Dan Pedersen suspended the game immediately the brawl broke out and Mexico were later declared winners. They had been leading 7-5 at the top of the sixth inmine.

One bright spot of the day was the Pan-American record of one minute 58.71 seconds set by reigning champion Ana Fidelia Quirot int he women's 800 metres final. Finishing 10 metres ahead of Alisa Hill of the United States. she added the new victory to the gold she won Monday in the 400

The silver medallist in the 400 metres, Colombia's Ximena Resrepo, pushed hard for a gold in the 200 metres but had to bow to the superior finishing power of Cuba's Allen.

Making up for what has been a dearth of U.S. athlerics victories so far in the games, Jim Driscoll used his experience to win the men's hammer with a throw of 72.78 metres ahead of compatriot Jud Logan and Cuba's Rene

Ocky Clark and Terril Davis of the United States won the gold and silver medals in the men's 800 metres final, running a cool tactical race to shut out Tommy

Asimga of Surinam, The pole vault gold went to Pat Manson, also of the U.S., who cleared 5.50 metres, ahead of Canada's Doug Wood.

Cuba's Pedro Rodriguez continued his country's relentless medals march in the weightlifting, sweeping the golds in the snatch, clean-jerk and total in the 90 kilogtam category. This brought Cuba's weightlifting gold

medal haul so far to 20. Diane Guthrie won Jamaica's first gold medal of the games in the women's long jump and shot putter Gert Weil heaved Chile onto the gold medal list with a throw of 19.47 metres.

Mexico's Graciela Mendoza took sweet revenge for her disqualification from victory at the last games in Indianapolis in 1987 to win the gold in the 10 kilometre walk. It was Mexico's third gold of the games.

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At least 200 people have died in clasbes between Croatian security forces, the federal army and armed Serbs in Croatia since the republic declared independence on June 25.

will not play," said Prpic. "Inno-cent people dying, and we should not play for Yugoslavia, which is falling to pieces." Yugoslavia is scheduled to play at France in the Davis Cop semi-finals on Sept. 20-22. The defending champion United States plays

Germany in Kansas City in the other semifinal. If Ivanisevic and Prpic refuse to play, Serbian Slobodan Zivojino-

vic would become the team's no. 1 players. Zivojinovic has been trying to make a comeback after a series of injuries.

Becker, Edberg and Sampras advance, Lendl falls at ATP Championship

seeded Boris Becker beat an onrushing thunderstorm and moved into the quarterfinals of the \$1.3 million ATP Championship by eliminating Malivai Washington 6-4, 6-4 Thursday.

Defending champion Stefan Edberg and U.S. Open champion Pete Sampras also advanced. But thir-seeded Ivan Lendl fell to No. 14 seeded Derrick Rostagno 7-6.

ated Amos Mansdorf 6-1, 6-2. Sampras, seeded seventh, defeated Wayne Ferreira 6-1, 6-4. "With the lightning, maybe it wasn't the best idea that the

announcer said I was serving at

6-4, 5-4 and the storm was coming

in about 10 minutes," Becker

Edberg, the No. 2 seed, defe-

"The pressure was already high and it makes it even higher hurry up, get out of the way." A late afternoon rain forced the suspension of some doubles matches, but the stadium court was dried out and singles play

French Open champion Jim Courier ousted Michael Chang

Albuquerque

quarterfinals

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico

(AP) - Second-seeded Gigi Fer-

nandez used a big serve in the clutch to hold off Halle Cloffi 6-4,

7-5 and advanced to the quarter-

finals of the Virginia Slims of

It was an erratic serve by Fer-

nandez through much of the match that helped the unseeded

Fernandez served up her fourth

ace of the match to go up 3-2 in the opening set, then broke Cioffi

But Cioffi broke back when

Fernandez double-faulted twice

in the seveoth game theo held to

Fernandez was aggressive at

the net to win the next two games

Fernandez, ranked no. 33 in

the world, jumped out to a 3-1

lead before Cioffi broke her with

winning passing shots. Fernandez had two aces in that game and

seven in the match. Fernandez

said she should have put the

match away at 5-2, and was frus-

trated that she "couldn't consoli-

Other seeded players also adv-

anced to the quarterfinals.

Top-seeded Julie Halard beat

overwhelmed fellow Freoch-

woman Noelle Van Lottum, 6-1,

6-1; fourth-seeded Susan Sloane outplayed Tamaka Takagi of

Japan, 7-5, 6-4; sixth-seeded Elna

Reinach of South Africa defe-

ated Alexia Dechaume of France,

6-1, 2-6, 6-0, and Sandrine Testud

of France outlasted Nicole

In the quarterfinals, Halard

Arendt 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

meets Katrina Adams.

date" ber winning games.

Albuquerque tournameot.

Cioffi stay close.

to widen the lead.

tie it 4-4.

and the set.

Fernandez

moves to

play enough, so I have to make it MASON, Ohio (AP) - Top 7-5. 6-2 before an evening deluge that washed out the match be-"It's going to come sooner or

tween fifth-seeded Andre Agassi and No. 12 seed Brad Gilbert. later. I. wish sooner. Lendl had surgery for fibrosis "I served really well, that was the key," Courier said. "He on his right hand, which became allowed me to take advantage of infected following surgery in his second serve. If he serves a

"I was lucky to stay in the first set," Rostagno said. "I had some god serves and volleys at the right Lendl, who has been trying to come back from hand surgery, times, I guess, but I was strughas two tour wins this year, both

"I missed quite a few shots. Mainly, I didn't return his serve." Lendi said. "I either pushed it or missed it. It's hard to win that

little better, it's a different ball-

been playing below par because he hasn't been playing enough. "I've always needed to play quite a bit. I missed four months and didn't play," he said.

"And look what happened to some of the guys that took some time off before," such as John McEnroe and Mats Wilander. "Mine wasn't voluntary, but I

TORONTO (Agencies) - Jen-

nifer Capriati raced past Britain's

Sara Gomer 6-2 6-3 in a third-round match at the \$500,000

Canadian Open Women's Tennis

seeded Capriati after the 50 mi-

nute victory. "It's better than

the American star dictate play so

having to go three sets."

"I play fast," said the third-

Gomer, was annoyed at letting

"The big thing I was dis-

appointed with is that I allowed

her to rush me and dominate the

pace," said Gomer, a nine-year

tour pro ranked number 123 in

Capriati, 15 harely took time to

bounce the ball before each serve

as she ploughed along. Gomer

showed a brief glimmet of hope

when she broke for a 3-2 lead in

the second set, but Capriati broke

in the oext game and then again

to go up 5-3. Capriati wrapped up

the match with a love service

Capriati meets ninth-seeded

Zvereva overcame a first-set

Natalia Zveteva, of the Soviet

challenge from American quali-

fier Jolene Watanabe before scor-

The Maleeva sisters, second-

seeded Manuela Maleeva-

Fragniere and younger sister.

fourth-seeded Katerina Maleeva.

scored easy victories to march

one match closet to a semifinal

Maleeva-Fragniere climinated

No. 16 seed Regina Rajchrtova of

Czechoslovakia 6-1 6-2. With

matching ease. Katerina Maleeva, of Bulgaria, beat No. 12 seed Naoko Sawamatsu of

Maleeva-Fragniere will face

Union, in the quarterfinals.

ing a 7-6 (7-2) 6-0 win.

Championship.

the world.

gling in the beginning." But he said he's gained enough in February. confidence recently not to fear a match against top-rated players.

advance in Canadian Open

"I'm sure that on a good day I can beat anyone, whereas I used to have doubts and would try to Lendl said his season has been force myself to have a better day disappointing, and he's probably than I conceivably could bring out of myslef," Rostagno said.

"That's probably the difference. That's why every ime I go out or the court now, especially against a top player, I'm oot going to give the match away by trying to play too well. I'm going

go abead and make the play. The tournament is being played at the Jack Nicklaus Sports didn't get to hit coough balls and Centre near Cincinnati.

Capriati, Maleeva sisters

American Amy Frazier, the No. 8

seed, in Friday's quarterfinals,

Frazier outlasted compatriot De-

bbie Graham 6-3 1-6 6-1 to adv-

tenth seeded Laura Gildemeister,

of Peru, who defeated fifth-

seeded Nathalie Tauziat, of

Top seeded Gabriela Sabatini

of Argentina and sixth-seeded

Helena Sukova of Czechoslova-

kia, who both had the day off,

will meet in the other quarterfin-

Capriati, 0-6 against Sabatini,

says she and assistant coach Tom

Gullikson have been working on

counteracting the Argentinian's

game, particularly her top-spio

against Gaby's style of game,"

said Capriati. "But I've improved

on my topspio. Tom bas been

working with me a lot on that -

he hits topspin to me a lot, and be

hits it pretty good."

Despite the fact they are still a

round away, the semifinals seemed to have alteady captured

the imagination of some key par-

The Maleeva sisters, especially

"Playing one of my sisters in

Manuela, seemed excited about

the prospect of meeting on court.

the semis is not so bad," said

Manuela, the world's 10th-ranked woman player. "What we don't like is when we meet in the

Manuela has played Katerina

seven times in ber career, includ-

ing once in a semifinal. She has

also faced her youngest sister,

Magdalena, ooce.
She has yet to lose a set to

ticipants.

early rounds."

either.

"I don't really play that well

France, 6-3 4-6 6-4.

Katerina Maleeva will take on

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 1991 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Car-oll Righter Foundation

GFNERAL TENDENCIES: Thinking out a new course of action that will provide you with a greater amount of success in the future should include an attitude

special consideration. ARIES: (March 2t to April 19) Your own residence finds most of the action there are as concerns your own family so make a point to show you do value the good will of

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You can gain the renewal of your mind in rightness at the services or studies that help you the most and then come to a new agreement with all usual allies.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 2t) You now find it is essential that you do leave the unimportant conditions on which you have been focusing and get some improved financial

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Take some time out to really enjoy the persons you like the most this day and see that your health and charm are greatly improved as well.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) This is the moment to make sure you can show your ability to delve into whatever has to do with principles and find ways to exist and keep your mind sharp.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You now find that most every-

one is in the mood to join you in the hobbies and recreations that you and them like so enjoy each

others company. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Let those with whom you have any sort of worldly contact see that

you big advancen SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Think our that course that can really bring you into some new realms of thought and action that

more delightful. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) This is the time to make sure that you do think deeply upon whatever is of concern to you

guide the way. January 20) You now are able to find the precise and exact agreement which partners would like to

AOUARIUS: (January 2t to February (9) You need to show those who have been good or can be helpful to you that you are willing to serve their interest as well as you

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Now you have the many plea-sures that have been denided you for someome so make a point to early make the engagements with congenial friends.

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to our customers." JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME ---by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form LEREB

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Answer here:

Why his brain is always frash-HE NEVER USES IT

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Jepan 6-1 6-3.









Mutt'n'Jeff



The two Ferraris of Frenchman

Berger takes provisional

pole in Hungarian GP

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

hle at his first turn. Even though the

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North East

South Dht Pass Pass Pass

dietributed. As a result, the master will often make a play that stuns the average player. But all that is happening is that the ace is backing his judgment to the hilt, at the risk of being embarrassed.

South's hand was too strong for

any action other than a takeout dou-

Alain Prost and Jean Alesi formed the second row of the provisional grid, ahead of the two Williams of Briton Nigel Mansell - winner of the last three Grands Prix - and Riccardo Patrese.

Prost recorded 1:19.325 and Alesi was clocked at 1:19.552. Patrese had to wait until the

closing moments to make his two runs as mechanics worked to repair damage to his car caused in a morning spin. He set his best time on the last timed lap which he completed in 1:20.103.

minutes, immediately taking pro-visional pole position and, until Berger's late thrust, looked likely to hold off all his rivals.

much more than a minimum open-ing bid, that player had catapulted

ing bid. that player had catapulted into four spades despite the fact that both sides were vulnerable. It sounded as if East had a very distributional hand, and what could be more likely than a diamond void?

Even so, it seemed declarer would have to lose two heart tricks and a diamond, and down one would have the outcome with most player.

been the outcome with most players wa know at the helm. However, our South decided to back card-reading

over mathematics.

Declarer drew the last trump

then, before aither defender learned

anything more about the hand, continued with a low diamond! West could see oo reason to go up with the queen, and regrets that decision to this day.

record set last year by Thierry Boutsen in a Williams, and threetenths of a second faster than

GOREN BRIDGE

TRUST YOUR JUDGMENT

Both vulnerable. West deals. NORTH bidding was at four spades by the time il got back, there was no keep-ing South out of the auction, which ended at five clubs. Declarer won the first trick perforce and, when both defenders followed to the ace and king of clubs. declarer could claim the contract if diamonds broke 2.1. While that was certainly the most likely distribu-tion (78 percent, to be exact), South's "nose" suggested otherwise. Although East could not be holding

SOUTH

Opening lead: Three of \(\frac{1}{2} \)
If there is one quality that sets the expert apart from the rest of the hridge world, it is table presence—the ability to "feel" what is going on at the table and how the cards are dietributed. As a result, the master

Senna made first run after 40

Peanuts

HI, CHUCK .. I JUST GOT







Andy Capp







HOROSCOPE

on your part to show associates you are willing to go along with and do those things that can bring

can make your whole existence

and then tet your prophetic insight CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

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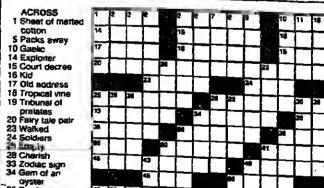


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Jumbles: SMACK EXCEL VANISH QUAVER

THE Daily Crossword by Florence C. Adler



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All-Share	109.07	109.10
Banking Sector	165.90	103.52
Insurance Sector	119.07	119.05
Industry Sector	113.75	1:4.55
Services Sector	127.66	126.97

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling	1.7030/40	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.1460.65	Canadian dollar
	1.7175/85	Deutschemarks
	1.9360/70	Dutch guilders
	1.5040/47	Swiss francs
e 14	35.38/42	Belgian francs
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. 41.	1286/1287	Italian lire
	136.15/25	Japanese yen
	6.2430/80	Swedish crowns
	6.7150/7200	Norwegian crowns
	6.6530/80	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	357.80/358.30	U.S. dollars
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after falls in futures and on Wall Street pulled the rug from under the market. The FTSE 100 index finished 30 points down at

NEW YORK -- Shares settled in to trade at modestly lower levels in late morning after some programme buying and selling jolted them up and down. The Dow down 7.82 points to 3,006.04 at 1553

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pared to the same period in 1990, nistration. Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics said Thursday.

said the sharp rise "emphasises in last year, the Bureau said. particular the need to obtain U.S. finance immigration," lsrael television said.

Israel is expected to request the loan guarantees from the United States in September to aid in funding a wave of Soviet Jewish immigration.

granting of the guarantees might immigration that has brought

Various independent estimates

would have to meet. The officials

Abu Dhabi officials decline all

nomies in the region,

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thorities themselves believed they bi and Dubai.

Abu Dhabi BCCI loss

estimated at \$12 billion

DUBAI (R) - The emirate of sister BCCI Overseas.

Credit and Commerce Interna- trieve some of this money from

donal (BCC1), according to latest bad debtors, or from the bank's

estimates by Gulf bankers and surviving good assets, the bank-

have put the overall loss at any-thing from \$4 billion to \$15 hil. Dhabi's oil revenue, or almost

But Gulf officials outside Abu Arab Emirate's (UAE's) federal

Dhabi said that the \$12 billion budget - funded mainly by UAE

was a figure the Abu Dhabi au- oil producing emirates Abu Dha-

were assigned by their govern- mic squeeze while the emirate

ments to assess the losses and the covers high inical payouts to

likely ripple effect on other eco- compensate depositors and to

comment on BCCI while the fu- additional payments to British

The emirate's ruling Al Last week, the British High

Nahayan family and main finan- Court awarded the majority

cial institutions own 77.4 per cent shareholders a four-month re-

of Luxembourg-based BCCI prieve from a Bank of England

holdings, which controls the petition to wind up BCCI. Talks

group's banking interests in are continuing on ways to rescue

Amman Financial Market

weekly trading

Following is a summary of trading during last week and the previous

Sectoral trading:

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

TOKYO - Shares closed lower in a day of small turnover.

continuing the pattern set for the week as a whole. The Nikkei

FRANKFURT -- The Dax index ended a moderate session just two points higher, at 1,632.21 for a gain of about 17 points on the

week. Dealers were generally confident about further gains next

ZURICH - Shares closed slightly firmer but volume was again

PARIS --- A hesitant market ended hardly changed as investors

waited to see whether German interest rates would rise next

LONDON -- Shares slumped to end a shade off their day's lows

low. The All-Share SPI index rose 3.7 points to 1,124.3.

week. The CAC-40 index ended down 5.96 at 1,783,54.

finished down 47.84 points at 23,434.62.

week despite the mixed session.

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BCCI and its Cayman Islands at least part of the bank.

ture of the troubled bank is still at depositors and intends to com

ers said.

TEL AVIV (R) - Israel's trade be linked to continuing Jewish deficit rose by 86 per cent in the settlement of occupied Arab first seven months of 1991 com- lands opposed by the Bush admi-

The deficit stands at \$3.16 bilhon for the first seven months of Israeli finance ministry officials this year compared to \$1.7 billion The rise resulted from a 14 per

loan guarantees of \$10 hillton to cent increase of imports and 4.5 per cent fall in exports in the period January to July, 1991. Imports rose by \$1.2 billion and exports sbrank by \$300 million, it

Finance ministry officials said the import increase had been There has been concern that expected due to the wave of

But such an initial loss would

equal almost two years' of Abu

one whole year of the United

Local bankers fear an econo-

Abu Dhabi bas already offered

July 27-31

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pensate UAE customers.

Israel in less than two years, the television said.

A construction boom to house the immigrants accounted for a large portion of the increase.

The officials attributed the fall in exports to a drop in world prices and industrial orders, including those for Israel's military industies.

Despite agreeing conditionally to U.S proposals for a Middle East peace conference, Israel has continued to push settlement that has placed some 100,000 Jews amidst 1.75 million Palesonians in the occupied West Bank and

Prudential confirms credit talks Abu Dhabi may face losses of The calculations do not rule out around \$12 billion due to the the possibility that the majority with Algeria enforced closure of the Bank of shareholders could eventually re-

NEW YORK (R) - U.S. insurance giant Prudencial confirmed Thursday that it is holding discussions with Algerian government banking agencies about ways it can help the country achieve its financial goals.

The Algerian central bank said in a statement Wednesday that the brokerage house, a subsidiary of insurance giant Prudential Insurance Co., would help arrange a \$5 billion credit to help Algeria restructure its debt.

The bank said in a statement that a protocol agreement for the credit had been signed in the presence of Prudential's managing director, Paul Scura, and the central bank governor.

Prudential Securities Inc. said in a statement Thursday that a proposal was being studied for it to act as adviser to Algeria. No agreement had been finalised and no direct investment by Prudenoal was envisaged.

The Algerian central bank said the credit would be useable over three years and repayable over eight with an unspecified grace period. "It will enable Algeria to organise a healthy reshaping of a major part of its non-public external debt," it added.

Algeria says it has a foreign debt of about \$24 billion, owed mostly by the government and state corporations. The World Bank puts the debt at \$26 billion.

Algerian Prime Minister Sid Ahmad Ghozali said last month the economy would "suffocate" if it did not get an injection of \$6 or \$7 billion in the next five months. money by selling Algerian oil in advance to foreign oil companies.

In late July Algeria had enough foreign exchange reserves for 10 days of imports and the government could no longer raise new loans to service its foreign debts, he said.

Algeria expects to earn \$12 billion from oil and gas exports this year but repaying debt will cost \$8 billion. The debt service ratio has risen to 69 per cent from 18 per cent in 1988.

The head of an Algerian bank which signed the protocol with Prudenoal Securities Inc. (USA) envisaging \$5 billion credit said Thursday the accord had still to be finalised.

Israel's trade deficit yawns | Jordan prepares to resume talks with London Club

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

ing the Gulf crisis, according to ly chartered economic course. informed sources.

The Kingdom has already finalised rescheduling agreements unappropriated loans — at the with several European government creditors within the Paris Club ahead of the expected talks with the London Club, according stood at \$6.66 billion at the end of to the sources.

were Britain, Belgium and Sweden, "Contacts with other governments have reached advanced stages and talks with the London Club could begin soon after finalisation of agreement with the government creditors." said one source.

Rescheduling accord with the Paris Club is seen as highly helpful in negotiations with the London Club although not essential.

However, Jordan has to have clearance from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) before it can launch negotiations on debt rescheduling. An IMF delegation which visited the Kingdom earlier this year has filed a "very favourable" report with the fund headquarters on "Jordan's serious moves towards addressing its economic problems." a Western source said.

The Kingdom has not yet received the IMF green light, and it visits the Kingdom "some time million in Arab financial assist- of the Kingdom.

soon," the source added.

Jordan is believed to have fallen behind by \$750 million in AMMAN — Jordan is preparing repaying principal and interest to resume negotiations on partial due to its creditors following Amrescheduling of its foreign debts man's decision to freeze debt with commercial institutions servicing in September, shortly grouped under the London Club after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait after suspending deht service dur- scrambled the Kingdom's careful-

Jordan's total foreign debts stood at \$8.3 billion — including end of 1987. Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh reproted to Parliament earlier this year the figure 1990. About 45 per cent of the The latest governments to amount are government-to-agree to reshedule Jordan's debts government debts while 19 per cent are owed to commercial

institutions. "Most governments are very sympathetic towards the Jordanian position and the predicament the Kingdom found itself in after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait," said one economic expert at a Western deiplomatic

mission here. "It is highly probable that these governments will be willing to offer partial write-off of Jordan's debts," added the expert, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity. The direct financial cost of the Gulf crisis to Jordan's economy was around \$1.2 billion - 30 per cent of the gross domestic product - in 1990 as a result of the Kingdom's adherence to the international sanctions imposed against Iraq. These losses include \$170 million in exports, \$200 million in expatnate remittances. \$200 million in tourism revenues. is expected the issue would be \$120 million in transport, transit

ance, according to official figures compiled jointly with the IMF. While these figures represent the "visible" losses, indirect damages to the Jordanian economy included negative consequences on savings and investment as well as the rate of growth and a rise in

unemployment in various sectors. Jordan received international assistance - in the form of grants as well as loans from the governments of Japan and Germany and other European Community members - which partly offset its losses, and the Kingdom used aid to balance its budget.

Official figures, endorsed by the IMF, estimate at \$2.4 billion Jordan's direct Gulf crisis related losses for 1991.

Recent figures released by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) showed a substantial rise in the Kingdom's foreign currency and gold reserves, but these figures have to be seen against the backdrop of the freeze in debt servicing. analysts say.

Jordan was hoping to "buy back" part of its commercial debts when the Gulf crisis struck. The option is still open, and the Kingdom could buy back part of its commercial debts at a cost lower than in July 1990" - immediately prior to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait — said Dr. Fahed Fanak, an economic analyst.

Regardless of its economic restructuring plans and programmes which are continuing on one track. Jordan is also hoping that a peace settlement with Israel could help it considerably in reducing defence expenditure. finalised when another IMF team and shipping income and \$360 almost 35 per cent of all spending

Chinese cost of living soars

BELITNG (AP) — The cost of bving in urban areas increased by 11 per cent as compared to the previous year and state factory warebouse bulged with unsold goods, the government has re-

Zhang Zhongji, spokesman for the State Statistical Bureau, said however that China's economy enjoys "continued favourable development."

Mr. Zhang hinted at inflationary pressures, noting that the money supply was larger than needed, but refused to give fi-

harvest prices will not be significantly affected.

Flooding in widespread parts of China, especially the east, has killed 1,781 people and left mil-lons bomeless. Other officials have described the impact in dire terms, noting that planting of autumn rice and other crops will be delayed.

Mr. Zhang, bowever, said there is no plan to adjust the national grain production target. It is set optimistically high at 435 million tonnes, equal to last

year's record-setting crop. Economists have repeatedly warned in the official media in recent months of the danger of a resurgence of inflation as the

government pumps loans and investment into inefficient state fac-

Mr. Zhang's report on the first half of 1991 showed the economy period last year, industrial output increased 13.4 per cent and retail sales increased nearly 13 per cent.

He put overall economic rowth at 6.1 per cent, hitting almost exactly the national target.

At the same time, Mr. Zhang gures and issued no strong warn- said the cost of living in June in 35 ings. He spoke at a news confer- major cities was 10.9 per cent over June 1990.

as transportation.

The nation's warehouses beld about 200 billion yuan (\$37.7 billion) worth of finished products at the end of May, he said, about 80 billion yuan (\$15 billion) moving toward a new doom. He of which bad no buyer. The govsaid state investment in industry ernment does not slow or halt was up 21 per cent over the same production of goods in low demand because it would create unemployment, which is political-

> The government bas urged factories to shift production to new items and improve product quality, but many of state factories are too large and poorly managed to adapt to market conditions.

ly dangerous.

Incomes continued to increase faster than the economy, contri-He also sought to minimise the He said retail sales prices rose buong to inflationary pressure. impact of recent floods on the an average of just 1.8 per cent in Mr. Zhang said urban per capita economy. He said the summer the first half of the year over the income rose 11.6 per cent to first half of 1990, and attributed 1,039 yuan (\$196) annually, while the big jump in living costs to in the countryside per capital increased prices for services such income was up 10.7 per cent to 328 yuan (\$62).

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Yugoslav ceasefire holds

anthorities tried Friday to end a face-off hetween armed Croats and Serbs after a ceasefire gave breakaway Croatia its first quiet night in weeks.

Serb guerrillas and Croatian security forces stared stonily at each other from battle positions and each side accused the other of violating the truce, declared Wednesday

But no shooting incidents were reported.

With tension still high after weeks of bloodletting in which scores have died, diplomats said it was too early yet to pronounce the ceasefire successfu

Things look okay for the moment. But the depth of batred out there is such that things could change for the worst in an instant," said one diplomat in Bel-

The warring sides planned to exchange prisoners Friday by six p.m. (1600 GMT) in line with plans set up by a Yugoslav presidency commission implementing the ceasefire.

More than 300 people have died in Yugoslavia since Croatia and Slovenia declared independence on June 25. Croatia's secession is opposed by Serbs who comprise 600,000 of Croatia's 4.5 million people.

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senior

Yugoslav ceasefire observers, including representatives from the Croatian side and the republic's Serb community, arranged to start work from crisis centres set up in flashpoint areas. A first team of observers, some

to operate from helicopters, headed for the town of Dalj, in eastern Croatia. The town was the scene of an attack by Serbs on Croatian mili-

tia on Aug. 2 in which at least 80 people were killed. The ceasefire, declared by the state presidency, calls for com-

batants to pull back out of range of each other but federal officials say this bas been only partially Diplomats say persuading the

two sides to disengage and, later, to lay down their arms will prove a tortuous task. Croatia, whose poorly-armed

forces have been bloodied by the better-trained Serbs now occupying a large part of the republic, is in a weak position and the Zagreb leadership is unhappy over parts of the ceasefire deal.

The Croats say federal army units are backing the Serbian guerrillas. They have unsuccessfully called for the units to be withdrawn to barracks.

Diplomats said the Croatian leadership was sure to be unhap-

assigned to police the ceasefire under the presidency's peace

Croatia, fearful that it now stands to lose territory to the Serbs, wants international involvement in the crisis. But its rival Serbia is wary of this.

"Croatia will just have to swallow hard on the parts of the deal it does not like. If it wants the world community to get involved, cannot be seen as pulling the rug ont from under a ceasefire," said one diplomat.

The 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe indicated Thursday it was ready to help monitor a ceasefire but expected the Yngoslavs themselves to show they were doing all in their power to end the vio-

A peace mission by three European Community foreign ministers failed last weekend after Serbia's leaders did not show up for a final session of talks.

Borislav Jovic, Serbia's representative on the Yugoslav presidency, said Thursday that Serbia would only oppose EC observers from Germany and Italy.

Observer missions cannot inchude countries which occupied Yugoslavia during World War

S. Africa, Argentina restore

ties

Germany has been in the fore-

front of those EC countries which

say European nations might have

to recognise Croatia and Slovenia

Serbian guerrillas continue

Meanwhile Albania's foreign

minister said Thursday he sus-

pected neighbouring Serbia was

instigating the new exodus of Albanians fleeing to the West, the Italian News Agency (ANSA)

"When anything goes wrong in

Yugoslavia, it seems that some-

body busies himself to spark off

discontent here," Foreign Minis-ter Muhamet Kapllani told Italian

Belgrade, he replied: "No. I did not say Belgrade. I'm speaking

Asked if be was referring to

Prime Minister Ylli Buffi was

more cautious. Asked if be

shared bis foreign minister's views, he said: "The situation is

complex. I can't exclude the fact

that there is something like this

The main bone of contention

between Albanians and Serbs is

the Yugoslav border province of Kosovo. Albanian Muslims are

now in a majority there, but

Kosovo played a major role in the history of the Christian Serbs.

TV newman

Harry

He was 68.

Reasoner

dead at 68

NEW YORK (Agencies) - T.V.

newsman Harry Reasoner, whose

elegant prose, dry wit and wry,

self-effacing style helped make CBS's "60 Minutes" newsmaga-

zine one of U.S. television's most

popular programmes, died Tues-

day of cardiopulmonary arrest.

The white-baired, craggy-faced

journalist was a veteran CBS

News reporter and former "ABC

Evening News" broadcaster who

won numerous journalism

Mr. Reasoner joined CBS in

New York in 1956, working up

through the ranks as a radio and

T.V. newscaster and commenta-

tor. He became known for his

light touch with the news and a

He left CBS in 1970 to co-

anchor "The ABC Evening

News" with Howard K. Smith. In

1975, be and Barbara Walters became network T.V.'s first

male-female evening anchor

team, but their collaboration

soured and he rejoined CBS in

He won several Emmy awards.

a George Foster Peabody Award

for "outstanding contributions to television news" in 1967 and was

honoured by the Overseas Press

Club of America for best televi-

sion documentary on foreign

"Harry Reasoner was one of

the gentle giants of broadcast journalism," said Howard Strin-

ger, president of the CBS Broad-

The author of three books,

Reasoner is survived by his wife,

Lois, and seven children from a

cast Group.

previous marriage.

affairs for a report on Africa.

warm, personal style.

but I can't really answer.'

reported from Tirana.

reporters.

about the Serbs.'

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) - South Africa and Argentina Thursday resumed full diplomatic relations that were downgraded five years ago, the Foreign Affairs Ministry announced.

Argentina downgraded relations to the consular level in May 1986 at a time when many countries were breaking ties with Sonth Africa to protest apartheid. South Africa's parliament repealed apartheid legislation this

A ministry statement said the decision to resume diplomatic ties was made during a telephone conversation between South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha and his Argentine counterpart, Guido Di Tella.

The statement said ambassa dors would be appointed soon. Several East European and African countries have restored diplomatic relations with South Africa this year because of government reforms aimed at ending apartheid.

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha conferred Thursday with a Soviet envoy and predicted afterwards that relations would improve steadily.

Mr. Botha had an bonr of talks with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valeri Nikolayenko, the highest-ranking Soviet official to visit Pretoria.

"I foresee steady, closer coop-eration between us," Mr. Botha told reporters, according to the South African Press Association. He said there was no rush to restore full diplomatic ties.

Moscow and Pretoria resumed low-level diplomatic ties in July after more than 30 years of hostility during which fiercely anti-Communist South African governments cited Soviet expansionism as the main reason for repressive security laws. Political reforms in both coun-

tries led last November to the first official Soviet trade visit since Pretoria closed the Soviet embassy in 1956. Meanwhile South African

newspapers levelled new "dirty tricks" charges against the government Friday, reporting secret payments to the mainly-Zuln Inkatha Freedom Party as recently as February.

Sri Lankan parliament floats peace signal

unanimously approved a resoluthe battle for Elephant Pass, a tion Friday sponsored by a hard-strategic military camp. line opposition party creating a committee to recommend a poli- Thursday at Sammanturai, 218 tical settlement with Tamil re-kilometres east of the capital of

The resolution, adopted by a voice vote in the 225-member house, said the committee should "arrive at a political solution to the devolution of power to the northern and eastern provinces."

Tamils, led by the Liberation Tigers for Tamil Eelam (LTTE), have been fighting since 1983 for independence in the north and east, where the Tamil population is concentrated.

The resolution was proposed by a member of the opposition Freedom Party which until now has led the criticism of the government's handling of the Tamil war, usually urging tougher milit-ary action against the rebels.

should discuss ways to prevent the disintegration of the nation, the resolution said. It also should of the armed forces, it said. Meanwhile, guerrillas backed rounding the camp.

o death seven Muslim farmers Six soldiers were killed and 52

to death seven Muslim farmers said. They said the attack was in port of eight dead.

COLOMBO (AP) - Parliament retaliation for the rebel defeat in

The villagers were killed Colombo, said the officials, briefing reporters on condition of

nonymity.
The Muslim community, which makes up about 7 per cent of the the national question involving population, is concentrated in the troubled eastern province and bas been caught up in the fighting between government troops and

Officials of the Joint Operations Command said the army had been expecting a civilian massacre in response to the rebel's failure to overrun the Elephant Pass army camp, 295 kilometres north of Colombo.

Last Saturday, rebef troops broke a 25-day rebel siege of the camp which controls the cau. The committee, whose 12 way that is the only land link members will be appointed later, between the mainland and the Jaffna peninsula where the Tigers are based. The officials said, according to

seek ways to stop the killing of radio intercepts, 150 Tiger rebels innocent civilians and members were killed Thursday when the army moved against bunkers sur-

and burned their corpses in east- injured in Thursday's operation, ern Sri Lanka, military officials they said, revising an earlier re-

Albanians storm out of Bou stadium to avoid deportation

BARI, Italy (R) - Thousands of began an air shuttle to repatriate Albanian refugees poured out of all the latest refugees to Albania a soccer stadium in this southern within three days. port Friday and overran police Buses ferried groups of 60 readd troops trying to keep them fugees to Bari Airport from the penned inside until deportation.

The Albanians had spent the might locked inside the disused 10,000 refugees forced its way into Bari Harbour Thursday, They broke down a buge steel door and charged out. Some ing with 60 refugees and an equal

clambered down the walls. Police and troops tried to contain the Albanians with baton from the stadium down adjoining Adriatic Sea to Tirana.

streets before police could cordon them off. an attempted break out by the open while police hebcopters Albanians from the stadium buzzed overhead, trying to track

dockside where 3,000 other Albamians spent the night in the open. They were placed on a Tiranastone stadium after a ship with bound planes under heavy police Two military transport planes took off for Albania Friday morn-

> number of police. The Italian military hoped one flight would leave every half bour

charges but hundreds ran away for the short crossing across the At the stadium, troops backed army trucks up against the doors

The new riot, which followed to prevent them being forced

Thursday night, came as Italy escaping refugees. Reformer becomes new Hanoi premier

namese capital, where the assem-

BANGKOK (AP) - Vo Van Kiet, a leading advocate of eapitalist-style reform, was elected prime minister of Victnam Friday.

The 69-year-old Mr. Kiet, who fought the French and Americans as a Communist guerrilla, succeeds the more conservative Du Moi in the key government posi-

The official Voice of Vietnam, monitored in Bangkok, said Mr. Kiet was elected during the after-noon session of the National Assembly in Hanoi. His predecessor bad submitted his resignation during the morning session. The election took place at Ba

Dinh conference hall in the Viet-

bly has been meeting for the past two weeks. It is scheduled to elect members of the new cabinet during its closing session Saturday. Mr. Kiet has been regarded as one of the most liberal figures in

the senior power hierarchy, and had pushed for reforming the country's centrally planned, state-run economy. A number of capitalist-style changes bave been injected into the economy in recent years,

bas refused to relinquish its monopoly on power. With an estimated annual per

although the Communist Party

capita of \$200, Vietnam ranks as one of the world's poorest nations. It is plagued by a soaring is ranked no. 2 in the polithuro.

which destroy vital food crops, an antiquated infrastructure and a trade embargo imposed by the the planet sufficiently for plants United States. Mr. Kiet, from southern Viet-

population, natural disasters

nam, is the country's third most powerful figure based on his ranking in the Communist Party's politburo. Mr. Du Moi tops the polithuro

and was named to bead Vietnam's Communist Party during a congress last June when he beld the prime ministership. Tradi-tionally, the party leadership and prime minister's portfolio do not go to the same person. Defence Minister Le Duc Anh

Typhoon, ramstorm hit Shanghai area, 12 dead

whipped through towns and farm- old man electroented by a land on Shanghai's outskirts, kill- downed power line on a street. ing at least 12 people and felling bundreds of homes, according to official reports Friday.

More than 160 people were Wednesday evening, moving in a collapsed. More than 100 people westward line just south of Shanghai, China's largest city with 13

papers said. They reported widespread flooding, with some areas receiving 210mm of rain in a few

of China battled flooding caused by the worst storms in decades. Heavy rains continued in northeastern China, the latest area to be hit, but information on damage remained sketchy. Authorities refused to release

five people were killed when their homes collapsed, one man died of a heart attack and a young couple was electrocuted the morning after the storm when they touched an electric fan while trying to clear flood water out of their

Wen Hmi News said two elderly bicyclists also were electrocuted by a downed powertine. The Liberation Daily said a 3-year-old injured when the tornado struck child was killed when a building

homes collapsed.

were injured, it said.

A man who answered the telephone at the National Flood Control Headquarters in Peking said his office was instructed not to

the lower Yangtze River valley in eastern China in June and July, leaving millions homeless and wiping out much of the summer wheat crop. Since then, flooding also has been reported in south-ern China's Guizhou Province, Sichuan in the southwest, Shandong in the east, and most recently, the northeastern provinces of

governments put the nationwide death toll at 1,962 by late July.

Later news reports have noted "many deaths" in the northeast but no figures bave been given. China's flood victims have received more than \$54 million in aid but that still falls far short of needs, official reports said Philippines could lose \$3.5b without U.S. bases could lose up to \$3.5 billion in aid over the next decade if it fails to ratify a new military bases agree:

Stanley Schrager, U.S. spokesman at the bases talks with Manila, said the agreement faced an 'uphill battle" in Manila's Senate but Washington remained hopeful the senators would see it as "a very good deal" for the Philip-

\$3.5 billion or more in direct, base-related assistance over the next 10 years. The figure "is just for starters"

and would not include several bundred million dollars in expected procurements and expenditures each year by U.S. forces in the country, he said. Without a new bases agree-

he said. "I think that's under-Mr. Schrager stressed this did

terms of development and food aid, and donations to a multilateral aid programme and a reconstruction fund for areas devastated by the eruptions of the Mount Pinatubo volcano, he said.

ic Naval Station and Clark Air Base expires on Sept. 16, leaving the two countries a little over five weeks to put a new treaty in

Rejection of the accord would be as much. I think that's the statement, after the lawmakers mean U.S. forces would pullont point." from their biggest bases in Asia, ending nearly a century of the U.S. military presence in the

At least 15 senators in the 23-member Philippine Senate have opposed the new agreement which would allow the United States to keep Subic for at least 10 more years and relinquish the volcano-ravaged Clark. The senators say the treaty is

unacceptable because of its duration and because it provides for a cash guarantee of only \$200 million a year, while the rest of the package has to be negotiated This would make the Philip-

pines look like a beggar each year, they say. Apparently worried by the stiff

opposition to the accord, chief U.S. negotiator Richard Armitage has written to the senators individually urging its urging its approval and telling them the future of the two countries' relations lies in their hands. Washington considers the

bases, specially Subic, vital in the defence of sea lanes in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Withdrawal of U.S. forces

could create a serious security vacuum in Asia and sbake investor-confidence in the Philippines, Western and Asian diplo-"American investors have told

us that they feel more confident with the bases here," Mr. Schrager said. "They won't desist (from investing) but it might not

Senate approval of the accord, Mr. Schrager said. "It's an uphill battle but we're making prog-

lippine officials and politicians. There is nothing sinister about this. This is what diplomacy is

"I think the senators have

made up their mind. Unless we see some substantial improvement in the agreement, I don't see how senstors would change their position," Sen. Salonga said Thursday.

accord faced "certain rejection" in the Senate. "The clear mandate or message shall be that no treaty with any

nation on less than honourable terms will pass any Senate that wants to be on the right side of history," be said. In a separate development,

President Corazon Aquino Thursday rejected an appeal from Philippine senators and congressmen seeking a homeland burial for the late deposed dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

ceive the body, an announcement that will be made," she said in a press er.

urged her to in a ban on a Marcos funeral in the country to clear the way for national recon-

that certain congressmen and senators seem ready to take responsibility for any mischief resulting from Marcos's return." Mrs. Aquino has refused to allow the remains of the former president, who died in Hawaii in 1989, to be buried in the Philip-

the ban on the return of former first lady Imelda Marcos from more than five years in exile in the United States so she can stand trial in Manila on corruption charges.

209-member House of Representatives, a majority of them belonging to Mrs. Aquino's ruling coalition, signed a resolution Wednesday urging the govern-ment to lift its ban on Mr. Mar-

tors initiated a similar resolution in the upper chamber.

Mrs. Marcos, who insists on

bringing home her busband's remains, promised in an interview with a Manila radio station Wednesday that she would not use her busband's body for poli-

ited States in 1986 after they were overthrown in a popular revolt that swept Mrs. Aquino to pow-

Kirk Douglas's son accused of kicking policeman

.OS ANGLES (R) — Erie Douglas, actor son of Kirk Douglas, was accused of kicking a policeman who was sent to break up an argument between the younger Douglas and bis laywer. prosecutors said. Douglas, 33, was charged with battery against Beverly Hills policeman Michael Carra, 37, who received minor leg injuries. Douglas could be sentenced to up to a year in jail. He was released on bail of \$5,000. Carra was the pilot of a helicopter on which Kirk Douglas. 72, was a passenger when it was in collision with a stunt plane near Santa Paula, California, last February. Douglas suffered broken ribs, cuts and bruises and Carra and the other passinger on board the helicopter were also injured. The two people on the stunt plane were killed. Beverly Hills police said it was a coincidence Carra was one of several policemen sent to intervene in a loud argument between the younger Douglas and his lawer in a nearby office. Eric Douglas is the son of Kirk Douglas by bis second marriage, to Anne Buydens. His more famous half brother. Michael Douglas, is the son of Kirk Douglas by his first marriage, to British actress Diana

Life on Mars — don't hold your breath

ONDON (R) - Life on Mars,

long a staple of science fiction,

may become a reality. But don't hold your breath - it could take up to 100.000 years, scientists said Thursday. Writing in the science journal Nature, Christopher McKay, of the NASA Ames Research Centre in California, and fellow researchers said it may be possible for scientists to redesign the environment of the red planet to support plants and people. "Mars is believed to be lifeless, but it may be possible to transform it into a planet suitable for habitation by plants and conceivably humans," they said. It will be a tough task. Mars is one and a half times as far from the sum as Earth with : remperature of minus 60C. Vital gases such as oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide are in short supply too low. But the researchers said the greenhouse effect could be exploited to release carbon dioxide from the polar caps, warming to thrive. Temperatures could also be raised by using giant mirrors to reflect sunlight or by spreading black soot over the polar caps. But the process could take between 100 and 100,000 years, they warn.

Santana sentenced for marijuana possession

HOUSTON (R) - Rock musician Carlos Santana, who pleaded no contest to possession of marijuana, may płay a benefit concert with an anti-drug theme as part of his sentence, his lawyer said. "He regrets the entire incident." lawyer Robert Sussman told reporters. The pony-tailed Santana, known for his electric-guitar improvisations melding Afro-Cuban rhythms with rock, refused comment as he strode from the courtroom. Santana was arrested at Houston airport in June. Authorities said four grammes of marijuana fell out of his pocket. He was also ordered to pay \$100 to the charity of his choice and was given six months probation.

Beared is essential for Islamic judge' ISLAMABAD (R) - A beard is

essential for an Islamic judge even if it means a long wait to find suitable candidates, the new prime minister of Pakistan-ruled Kashmir said. Premier Sardar Abdul Qayynm planned to appoint Islamic judges, or qazis, to sit in bigher courts in Pakistan-ruled Azad (free) Kashmir, the Pakistani News Agency (APP) quoted him as saying. He com-plained about a lack of candidates qualified both in religion and modern sciences, and who were bearded. Scholars with a proper religious background often lacked a knowledge of modern sciences, and vice versa, he said. Those who understood both could not be appointed unless they had a beard, be said. "A qazi must have the semblance of a practising Muslim to reflect the dignity and honour of the position," Mr. Qayyum said. Mr. Qayyum, an Islamic fun-damentalist, took power last month after controversial elections that opposition parties said were rigged by Pakistani anthor-

official MOSCOW (Agencies) - Conservative Ivan Polozkov has been appointed the Soviet Union's first deputy agriculture minister, two days after being ousted as leader of the Russian Federation Communist Party, Soviet media reported Thursday. Interfax News Agency briefly announced the appointment of

Mr. Polozkov, 56, who is carricatured as an archtypal conservative because of virulent opposition to rapid introduction of market-oriented reforms. He quit the party post after coming under fierce criticism at a

meeting of the Central Committee by members who clearly felt his views made him an electoral In his final speech as party leader Tuesday, he accused his

critics of trying to lead Soviet society, "to an uncontrolled market, to the supremacy of private property." Development of market-based

systems, including widespread use of land releasing, is a key element in efforts to make Soviet agriculture more efficient and eliminate the need to use scarce convertible: currently to import

Shortages in food supplies and problems in bringing in this year's harvest are among the Kremlin's main preoccupations, with President Mikhail Gorbachev offering special incentives to farmers. He is expected to issue a special decree on food in the coming

Mr. Gorbachev's former top adviser, Alexander Yakovlev, meanwhile, told a television interview that he has lost faith in the ability of the Communist Party to lead reform efforts.

"(Gorbachev) continues to believe in the transformation of the party by bringing together all healthy forces to rethink its role into a positive one," be told Russian Republican television. "I don't believe this any more."

But Mr. Yakovlev, one of the pioneers of Mr. Gorbachev's perestroika reforms who left the president's team two weeks ago, declined to say whether be intended to turn in his party membership in the coming months. Meanwhile, a Soviet newspaper reported Thursday that the

Communist Party, its mem-

bership plummeting, projects a

budget deficit of more than 1

billion rubles and is on the verge

of financial collapse. The radical Nezavisimava Gazeta published what it said were the party's confidential balance sheets, tallying revenues and expenditures for 1990 and 1991. "Communist Party on eve of bankruptcy," said the head-Party officials would nut im-

mediately confirm the authentic-

ity of the documents, but Nezavi-

simava Gazeta previously has

onblished confidential party

documents that turned out to be The inprecedented report came on the same day that Pravda, the party newspaper, published the latest draft of the party's ideological programme.

Military reformers blame Lithuania deaths on KGB

MOSCOW (AP) — A group of and military officers that was military reformers have blamed formed in 1989 to provide social the KGB for the killings of seven protection for servicemen and Litbuanian law enforcement pursue reforms within the Soviet officers at a customs post nine military. Among other things,

days ago. they Vitaly Yurazhtsev, chairman of force. Shield, an independent group of The seven Lithuanian law enservicemen committed to military forcement officers were shot and 31 killings.

"The crime was planned be-

pared. The operation was headed by the Soviet KGB with the help al. The Soviet News Agency of the Omon in Vilnius and Riga," Mr. Yurazhtsev said. The Omon, also known as the evidence "black berets," are special paramilitary units under the control of

the Soviet Interior Ministry and

attacks on government buildings occurred during a Moscow sum-throughout the Baltics. occurred during a Moscow sum-mit between U.S. President Bush-The Shield experts concluded that "units of the Baltic military district did not take part in the the planned action," Mr. Yurazh-

ment by the group. However, Mr. Yurazhtsev declined to be specific about the evidence that led Shield to pinpoint the KGB, or to name the members of the group of military experts sent to Lithuania.

He said the type of weapons used by the attackers pointed to the KGB, but added that other evidence was to be kept confidential while Shield's investigation continued. He did not say when the information would be released or to whom it would be

Shield is a group of lawmakers

reform, told reporters that the killed by unknown attackers at group had sent its own experts to the Medininkai customs post ab-Lithuania to investigate the July out 40 kilometres from Vilnius on the border with Byelorussia. An eighth victim, the only foreband and thoroughly pre-potential witness, is in serious condition in a Lithuanian hospit-

they favour an all-volunteer

(TASS) said Thursday that it was too early for the witness to give The KGB, the Soviet Defence Ministry and the Soviet Interior Ministry all bave denied responsibave participated in previous bility for the killings, which

and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. Accusations that the KGB was volved "are totally the district were warned about grounded, do not correspondent to reality and are provocative," tsev said. He was reading a state- the KGB Public Relations Centre

said in a second statement Thursday, TASS reported. There have been more than 20 assaults on the customs posts set up by the breakaway republic since since last year. The Medininkai attack was the most serious since 14 people died when Soviet troops opened fire on unarmed civilians surrounding the Vilnius Television Tower on Jan.

Mr. Yurazhtsev said Shield was calling for formation of an independent international commission to investigate the Medininkai

PEKING (AP) - A tornado home. It also reported a 28-year-

million residents, and Suzhou, a major tourist city west of Shan-The tornado was accompanied by torrential rains that lasted about 12 hours, Shanghai news-

The storm came as large parts

final casualty figures from Shanghai, but a total of 12 weatherrelated deaths were reported in the Thursday editions of Shanghai's Liberation Daily newspaper, Wen Hui News and Xinmin Evening News.
The Ximmin Evening News said

The Liberation Daily also reported 61 people injured in five villages on Suzhou's outskirts, where it said several hundred

release the casualty figures.

Heavy rains caused flooding in

Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning. Figures released by provincial former colony.

ment with the United States, a U.S. official said Friday.

He said Manila stood to get

ment, "we're not going to have direct bases-related assistance,"

not mean all U.S. assistance to the Philippines would end. Even without a bases treaty, Washington would help Manila in

The current U.S. lease on Sub-

Commenting on prospects of

He said the U.S. embassy was continuing its contacts with Phi-

all about," Mr. Schrager said. Senate President Jovito Salonga, a leader of the anti-bases bloc in the chamber, doubted that Mr. Armitage's letter to the senators could swing the vote for ratifica-

Senator Rene Sagnisag said the

"When we are ready, to re-

ciliation. She added: "Still, I am glad

pines, fearing a Marcos funeral might incite violence.
Last week, Mrs. Aquino lifted

At least 144 members of the

Eight of the country's 23 sena-

tical gain, The Marcoses fled to the Un-